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Liba'i, Barak defend Supreme Court

DAN IZENBERG and Itim

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i yesterday came to the defense of the Supreme Court against proposals of Shas and NRP MKs to make far-reaching changes in the judicial system.

Supreme Court President-designate Aharon Barak said the state could not do without judicial review on basic issues.

"I will not allow any diminishing of the prerogatives or standing of the Supreme Court or its justices," Liba'i told the plenum yesterday. He was responding to a motion by Labor MK Haggai Merom who criticized proposals aired over the past week to limit the term of Barak and redefine the court's prerogatives.

Liba'i said those who wish to limit Barak's term "want to damage the Supreme Court itself, its status and independence."

He said there was nothing wrong in criticizing court decisions. "However, we will insist on restraint in the kind of criticism, and criticism that is substantive and does not constitute incitement."

"Democracy is based on constraints," Liba'i continued. "It is not based simply on majority rule because democracy also includes individual rights, and certainly minority rights. Therefore, there are limits to the rule of the majority and therefore there must be limits to the power of the Knesset and its legislation."

Barak said yesterday that there is no substitute for judicial review of basic issues that are controversial, but did not relate to attacks on him by politicians upset by recent rulings of the High Court of Justice.

Speaking to a conference entitled "The Nature and Legitimacy of Judicial Review," held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Barak said the legitimacy of judicial review was now first being tested in Israel, following the passing of Basic Laws relating to human rights.

Barak rejected the notion that value-based controversies must be left to be resolved by the political system, saying that "in many cases that is possible, but not in all cases."

He said that in a democratic state, individual rights must be protected from the state and from the majority opinion.

At the same conference, Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Zamir said that if the political attacks on the court continue, the court will not be able to continue to function as in the past, adding that "the public must express its faith in the court."

He said the question was not whether the court's involvement in political issues was legitimate, but whether it is wise and desirable.

While the court has become more involved in political matters in recent years, this was not by choice, he said. But MKs began asking the court to protect them within the Knesset from fellow members who were "breaking the rules of the political game."

The court agreed to intervene only when it became convinced there was no other body that could correct what needed correcting, he said.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his wife Leah talk to Japan Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko respectively at Tokyo's Imperial Palace yesterday. Story, Page 2. (AP)

Hassan appeals for unity at summit

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

KING Hassan II appealed yesterday for Moslem unity and tolerance toward other religions as he opened an Islamic summit in Morocco marred by disputes among Arab participants.

The monarch bitterly complained about extremists who have "tarnished" Islam's image and asked the Organization of the Islamic Conference to form a watchdog body to publicize Islamic precepts "far from any confusion, error or dubious interpretation."

High-level delegations, including 28 heads of state, from all 52 OIC members from Africa, Europe and Asia were taking part.

They hope to devise a common strategy on issues ranging from the plight of fellow Moslems in Bosnia and conflicts in the Middle East to terrorism and extremism.

The summit got under way at the royal palace in Casablanca at 6:45 p.m., almost two hours behind schedule. The delay was attributed to private meetings to smooth over differences that had clouded a preparatory meeting of foreign ministers.

Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who hosted the 1991 summit in Dakar, turned over the presidency to Hassan. He urged an end to the war in Bosnia and backing of Palestinian efforts to build a nation.

In his speech, Hassan cited a verse from the Koran: "If two groups of believers fight each other, endeavor to reconcile them ... reconcile them and be fair."

Islamic ideals, said the king, "are not respected by some groups whose behavior is contrary to Islamic tolerance and flexibility," the king said.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak blamed militants and misguided countries for weakening the Moslem world and giving Islam a bad name.

"The first fact we have to face up to is that the state of the Islamic world is not satisfactory or reassuring...The challenges are enormous, the dangers appalling. We must be frank with ourselves and recognise that the future is in the balance," he told the opening session.

Jordan demanded that a resolution on Jerusalem support its custodianship of holy Moslem sites in the city. The Palestinians objected that such a move would undercut their claim to sovereignty over eastern Jerusalem.

"It is very, very regrettable that there

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Hizbullah is not immune, warns Barak

DAN IZENBERG, DAVID RUDGE and ALON PINKAS

HIZBULLAH is not immune to attack, and can be hit anywhere and everywhere, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak warned yesterday.

"Hizbullah is not immune and that applies to every place," Barak said. "The IDF will act prudently and do what needs to be done. In the last month alone, Hizbullah lost 20 people, but Israel and the South Lebanese Army also paid a price."

But Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i indicated there are differences of opinion regarding what strategy the IDF should adopt in the war against Hizbullah.

Vilna'i made his first appearance before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee since being appointed deputy chief of staff. He sharply criticized OC Education Corps Brig.-Gen. Shlomo Ben-Moshe for an interview he gave to the daily *Ha'aretz* yesterday, in which he called for the IDF to take the offensive in the war against Hizbullah.

"We are an army with many opinions and there is no need to be always making them public," said Vilna'i. "[Ben-Moshe's] statements were unacceptable and we will deal with him."

Vilna'i rejected opposition claims that the government is constraining the army in southern Lebanon for political reasons, and denied that the new OC Northern Command, Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, wants to change current strategy against Hizbullah.

Vilna'i said there was nothing wrong with a statement Levine made on Sunday, after Lt. Ariel Ovadia was killed and seven other soldiers were wounded in a Hizbullah ambush on a Golani patrol near Marjayoun, that "We will have to take the initiative in our hands and attack them."

Levine, who took over the Northern Command several days ago, appeared to be signaling that he wants to adopt a more aggressive policy than his predecessor, Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai.

His comment apparently triggered a critical reaction from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, currently visiting the Far East. Rabin told reporters in his entourage that "Whoever thinks that he has a surefire military formula to solve the problem is mistaken.

"We succeeded in dealing two hard blows to Hizbullah and its allies in 1994 – the transfer of Mustafa Dirani to Israel and the [IAF] bombing at Ein Dardara. The [Hizbullah] response came in Buenos Aires and London. Let's not forget that," he said.

Vilna'i rejected the interpretation that Levine had intended to signal the beginning of a new policy.

"IDF policy is long range and we don't start all over again from the beginning after each attack," said Vilna'i. "Our aim is to protect our soldiers on the one hand, and carry out assaults against the terrorists on the other. This is a complicated matter requiring constant evaluation, and I don't think the new northern sector commanding officer takes a more aggressive approach than his predecessor. Both know their jobs very well."

Army sources indicated the IDF will not execute an armored thrust north of the security zone.

"The situation in the [zone] has many military solutions and responses, as well as offensive initiatives, but that does not imply an invasion or a deep incursion," a senior Northern Command source said last night.

"Pinpoint surgical strikes can be conducted and, most importantly, it is becoming abundantly clear to Hizbullah that their chances of emerging alive from a penetration into the [security] zone are slim to none."

Barak, who was officially bidding farewell to the Southern Command before retiring on December 31, made his remark on Hizbullah during a visit to the Givati infantry brigade.

The security zone remained quiet yesterday following sustained Hizbullah attacks on IDF and SLA targets. Hizbullah was said to have placed its fighters on alert for possible IDF reprisals.

The funeral of Lt. Ovadia, 21, of Jerusalem, is to be held at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Military Cemetery this afternoon at two.

Meanwhile, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said on a visit to the North yesterday that Syria holds the solution to terrorism from Lebanon, which it could stop if it so desired. "If the Syrians think they can achieve something through Hizbullah they are making a big mistake," he said.

Shahal, Hefetz should resign – journalists

RAINE MARCUS

THE National Federation of Journalists yesterday called for the resignations of Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, unless they complete the wiretapping investigation within one month and bring the perpetrators to trial.

"There is a feeling that investigation details are being covered up and kept secret, and the whole affair has been dragging on for too long," federation chairman Sara Friedman said at a news conference.

The news conference was convened following an emergency meeting to discuss the case, which, said Friedman, represents a serious danger to the freedom of press and Israeli democracy.

The police spokesman last night sharply attacked the federation's demands in the wiretapping case.

"It is unacceptable in a state of law to order the police to finish an investigation by a certain date," the spokesman said in a statement.

"It is certainly wrong to demand the guilty be found at any price, as the journalists appear to be demanding.

"We, like the journalists, look with great severity upon illegal phone-tapping, and are working non-stop to finding the guilty parties, including those who ordered the phone-taps.

"However," the spokesman added, "we are doing that in the framework of the law." He described as "in bad taste" the demands for the inspector-general's and police minister's resignation.

So far, five private investigators have been indicted in the case, but the federation wants to see those who commissioned them brought to trial.

Senior police sources have implicated newspaper publishers as those who ordered wide-scale wiretapping from two such investigators, Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur, who are currently awaiting trial on 40 charges of bugging senior media personnel, politicians, and businessmen.

Police sources say that although they know who is responsible, they have no admissible evidence despite statements written against a main suspect by prosecution witnesses.

From the start of the probe, both *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot Aharonot* have written tendentious articles on the case. The two leading dailies, together with *Ha'aretz*, have relied on other private investigators to provide them with information, and Friedman blasted what she described as the use of "GSS and Mossad methods and former employees."

"Reporters find it difficult to work – there is a feeling that there is a cover up of the facts and different newspapers are writing distorted interpretation of events," said Friedman.

Friedman also said journalists had received anonymous and threatening letters warning them to lay off the case.

"Some information in the letters could only have been obtained by wiretapping," she said.

Reporters at *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot* have either refused to cover the case or have had articles dictated to them by their editors, she said. Those who object have been threatened with dismissal, she said. Others who have written about the case have refused to include their bylines.

Some reporters have said they have been followed and photographed by private detectives. Amnon Abramovitch, a senior reporter at *Ma'ariv*, resigned last week after police discovered his office phone was tapped.

The publishers' hands are not clean, Friedman said, and called on them to condemn the wiretapping phenomenon and publish complete and uncensored details about the case, regardless of personal involvement.

"Publishers should stop using reporters as pawns in a chess game, and let them work without fear that they will be fired or that their phones are being tapped," she said. "It is the right of every journalist to keep their sources secret."

The federation will stand behind journalists who feel they are being manipulated or threatened by their bosses, she said. "It is not only in the interests of the journalists themselves but also the public who are receiving false information."

The federation also called on politicians to publicly condemn the phenomenon.



National Federation of Journalists Chairman Sara Friedman and general secretary Razi Gutterman call for immediate completion of the wiretapping probe. (Gideon Markowicz/IPPA)

Rabin to discuss stock tax upon return to country

JOSE ROSENFELD

ADDING confusion as to the future of the stock market tax, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday insisted that no one in his entourage has been authorized to speak on his behalf on the tax, but refused to make his position known.

"No one has been authorized to say a word on the issue of the stock market tax in my name. I will only speak on the subject when I return to the country, without adding any more. I have said what I have said on the subject, and there is nothing to add," Rabin told reporters in Japan.

Embattled Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who finally spoke to Rabin yesterday for the first time since rumors of the tax's cancellation or delay began spreading last weekend, interpreted the prime minister's statement as evidence that Rabin has not changed his mind about the tax.

However, the fact that Rabin did not categorically reject the possibility of delaying the imposition of the new tax and said he will discuss the tax upon his return, gave credence to Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish's statement earlier this week, that Rabin will meet with the cabinet upon returning to review the issue.

Opponents of the stock market tax wasted no time and will today submit MK Ron Nahman's (Likud) private bill to cancel the tax. Nahman, a year ago, had submitted a bill to prevent the imposition of a capital gains tax. Nahman said the debate on his bill will give a chance for the public to see and hear what Knesset members think about the tax.

MK Haggai Merom criticized his Labor Party colleagues for backtracking on a law they passed only two weeks ago and said that "minimal integrity" requires them to back their commitment.

Labor Minister Ora Namir said that if there was a time to reconsider the imposition of a stock market tax, it was before the law was passed. "Who can guarantee that if we change our decision, the popularity of the Labor party won't drop?" she said.

Namir added that she supports the tax and her only reservation is that the tax is too low.

Shohat told Rabin that Meretz supported the imposition of the stock market tax on time.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer told reporters during a visit to the north yesterday that although there was no dispute over the concept of taxing the bourse, he felt that the implementation of it next month would be a mistake.

David Rudge contributed to this report.

3 Ashdod youths arrested for rape

Police yesterday arrested three youths suspected of raping a 14-year-old girl at knifepoint in Ashdod.

The girl arrived at the Ashdod police station accompanied by a social worker and told investigators that she had been raped by three youths from her neighborhood. Two of the youths raped her consecutively while the third threatened her with a knife, she said

The three youths, aged 15 and 16, were arrested and confessed to the rape. *(Itim)*

US National Archives opens Nazi files to public

WASHINGTON (AP) – Nearly 50 years after the end of World War II, officials of the US National Archives made public on Monday the first batch of an estimated 22 million cards, dossiers, forms, sheets and lists on members of Nazi party organizations.

They are the biographic detail held by the Berlin Document Center that US forces set up at the end of World War II. Some of the microfilms show signs of charring on the originals, evidence of an attempt to burn them.

The documents offer a host of historical tidbits:

- Heinrich Himmler, head of the black-shirted Schutzstaffel (SS), the "Security Squadrons" created to protect the party, found it necessary to record the expenditure of 1.71 marks (about $1.10 at current rates) for soles and heels on his boots.
- Dr. Josef Mengele, who personally chose 400,000 victims for the Auschwitz gas chambers, was hit by a truck while riding a motorcycle between two extermination camps and suffered unrecorded injuries, according to a police court record.
- Adolf Eichmann, in charge of deporting Jews to the camps, was judged by his superiors "very active, comradely, goal-motivated" and a "recognized specialist in his line of work," says a personnel report.

There is no file on Hitler himself. But the National Archives has the originals of his will and his certificate of marriage to Eva Brawn, the long-time mistress he wedded just before they killed themselves. The originals are on a tour as the 50th anniversary of their April 30, 1945, suicide approaches.

The records were held in the Berlin suburb of Zehlendorf, barred to reporters and the public in general. In the years following the end of the war they could have been highly embarrassing to some individuals in West Germany.

Originals were turned over on June 30 to the Federal German Archives.

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Ivry: Arms control talks irrelevant unless Syria joins in

ALON PINKAS and news agencies

AS LONG as Syria does not take part fully, we cannot talk about arms control in the region, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry said in Tunis yesterday.

Ivry heads the Israeli delegation to the multilateral arms control and regional security talks being held there. Forty four countries, including 14 from the region, are participating in the session, the sixth in the last two years. The group is expected to finalize a working agenda for the first half of 1995, during which two full meetings are scheduled, as well as topical intersessional meetings.

The issues to be discussed include naval confidence-building measures, maritime accident prevention, and pre-notification of naval exercises.

At yesterday's opening meeting, Israel faced expected pressure from Arab delegations to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, as renewal approaches in 1995.

US delegate Robert Einhorn urged participants to show "flexibility and perseverance."

Egypt's chief delegate, Nabil Fahmi, said before leaving Cairo that Israel should sign the non-proliferation treaty if it expects serious negotiations about arms control.

Ahmed Ounis, a Tunisian Foreign Ministry official, sounded a hopeful note in his welcoming speech.

"We have before us documents and projects capable of moving our region from one of rival blocs to one of cooperation," he said. Referring to Syria's conspicuous absence, Ounis said that, "The vacant seats remind us that our work is still incomplete."

Ivry said confidence-building measures regarding security would be easier to achieve if Arab states moved more quickly to normalize political relations with Israel.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's delegate to the talks, Walid Ali Kabizi, dismissed reports that he and the Israelis would use the opportunity of the Tunis talks to discuss the establishment of diplomatic relations.



Brig.-Gen. Meir Elran (right), head of Israel's delegation to the border and security committee, makes a point yesterday to his Jordanian counterpart, Maj.-Gen. Thasin Shourdum, at a session on the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea. (AP)

Rabin warns: Korean nuclear weapons could end up in ME

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

TOKYO

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he feared North Korea might possibly export its suspect nuclear technology or military equipment to Iran or Syria, according to Japanese officials.

The officials, briefing reporters after Rabin met Japan's Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and Defense Agency chief Tokuichiro Tamazawa, said Rabin also told the two that Iran was supporting Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East.

Rabin said the growing strength of Islamic fundamentalists and Israel's stalled talks with Syria were two of the greatest immediate threats to peace in the region.

Over the last two years, North Korea's refusal to allow full international inspection of its nuclear sites prompted speculation that it harbored a secret nuclear arms program.

Rabin said he was concerned that Islamic fundamentalists were gaining strength in the Middle East with the backing of Iran.

The issue is a sensitive one for Tokyo, because there is concern in Israel that some Japanese aid to Teheran may have been diverted by Iran to help fundamentalists.

Rabin said an international effort was needed to end poverty in the Middle East because "terrorism" was bred by poverty.

The officials said Kono made no comment on Rabin's charges.

The Japanese foreign minister offered Tokyo's help in repairing the Allenby Bridge. Rabin had already asked for Japan's assistance in building a dam on the Yarmuk River in a meeting with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama on Monday. He repeated the request at yesterday's meeting with Kono.

Tokyo has pledged a total of about $200 million towards the start-up costs of Palestinian self-rule, of which roughly half has already been provided.

Japan is also widely believed to be considering the Golan Heights as the next place to send a peacekeeping mission.

Rabin also met with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. He and his wife, Lea, had lunch at the Imperial Palace with the emperor, empress and other members of the royal family.

He was to meet other top Japanese politicians and businessmen before leaving for South Korea today for a two-day visit.

Shipment of lambs begins sea trade with Jordan

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

ISRAEL and Jordan inaugurated sea trade yesterday with the shipment of 5,000 lambs bound for the Gaza Strip.

The livestock made the 15-minute journey to Eilat from Akaba, where they had arrived the day before from Australia along with 65,000 other lambs.

They arrived on the deck of the Jordanian vessel Nur 1 as it made the first trade delivery to Israel since the two countries signed a peace treaty October 26.

Imported by a Palestinian livestock dealer, the young sheep were loaded onto 47 trucks and driven under Israeli escort to the Gaza Strip.

"The prices in Israel for live sheep got very high and it's much cheaper to import them," said Hosni Afaneh, the livestock importer.

Israel and the Palestinians have agreed that 5,000 live sheep can be imported into the Palestinian self-rule area annually. Israeli agriculture inspectors escorted the convoy through Israel to the Gaza Strip to make sure none of the mutton was diverted to Israel.

In Amman yesterday, Israel's newly inaugurated embassy notified the government that it was starting operations and requested recognition of five diplomats, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman, Ahmed Mbeidin, said the Israeli request was made in a memorandum presented by Charge D'affaires Ya'acov Rosen to the Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol, Samir Masarweh.

Israel has not yet appointed an ambassador to Jordan.

Jordan has appointed Marwan Mouasher, a former spokesman for the Jordanian negotiating team with Israel, as ambassador to Israel. Mouasher was expected to take office in January.

Power struggle seen in naming of envoy to Amman

COMMENT

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AS Israel appears to be dragging its feet on appointing an ambassador to Jordan, it is increasingly clear that the Foreign Ministry is digging in its heels in what it sees as a matter of principle.

Senior Foreign Ministry officials say the deadlock between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on the appointment is tied to the Foreign Ministry's determination to end its institutional marginalization in policy-making toward the Arab world.

"We are tired of the status quo, and believe this time we cannot give in," a senior Foreign Ministry official said. Another senior ministry official added, "the issue between Rabin and Peres is 'yes, Foreign Ministry' or 'no, Foreign Ministry.' They have not even reached the question of names."

Until recently, with the exception of foreign policy toward Egypt, the Foreign Ministry has been left out of policy-making in relation to Arab states. This area has been dominated by the Prime Minister's Office and the security establishment.

IDF military intelligence is charged with gathering information about the Arab world. But according to sources, the Mossad maintains quiet links with those Arab and Moslem countries which do not have diplomatic ties with Israel. For example, reports have said the Mossad has been maintaining relations with Oman since the mid-1970s.

But the Foreign Ministry has largely been left out of the information loop in Israel's dealings with the Arab world.

The multilateral peace talks on regional cooperation presented the Foreign Ministry with an opportunity to expand its contacts with the Arab world, as Israeli diplomats began traveling to such places as Tunisia and Qatar, and meeting counterparts from the region.

However, the question remains whether the Foreign Ministry's foot in the door will take hold, or whether once again, the Foreign Ministry will remain "foreign" to the Israeli decision-making process. Therefore, Jordan has become a test case.

Rabin, who kept the Foreign Ministry out during the secret breakthrough negotiations with Jordan between May and July, is said to favor Ephraim Halevy, deputy head of the Mossad. King Hussein, a senior source insisted, has made clear his view that Halevy should be the next ambassador. This cannot be confirmed.

But the Foreign Ministry believes that if its representative runs the embassy in Amman, this will signal the beginning of the end of its marginal role in policy-making toward much of the Arab world.

Man who shot up Temple Mount returns 'to visit'

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

A MAN convicted of killing and and wounding Arabs on the Temple Mount 12 years ago was detained by police yesterday when he tried to return to the scene of the crime.

Alan Goodman, an US native who was sentenced to life imprisonment after killing two Palestinians and wounding nine in 1982, was nabbed by police at the entrance to the mount. He was on a three-day furlough from prison, police said.

Goodman was not carrying any weapons. He was released to complete his leave after he told police he had just gone to the site to visit. The police spokesman said he is not legally barred from entering the Temple Mount.

On April 11, 1982, Goodman sprayed the area with gunfire, saying he was trying to capture the site so he could return it to the Jewish people. He is expected to spend a total 32 years in jail.

Following the incident yesterday, Goodman said his days as a terrorist were over.

"Terrorism is a young man's game," Goodman, who turned 50 in May, told Israel Television. "I am too old for terrorism. After the age of 50, it's time for all good terrorists to retire."

PA plans massive tree planting

THE Palestinian Authority intends to plant between one million and three million olive trees and date palms starting next month, to mark 30 years since the founding of Fatah.

PA Agriculture Ministry director Mahmoud Abu Samra told reporters that PA leader Yasser Arafat would participate in the tree planting. Egyptian nurseries have promised to supply different varieties of palm trees. *J.J.*

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place at 1:00 p.m. today, at the YMCA, King David St. Judge Neugeborn will speak on *The Labor Court.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bypass roads to be built in territories

Over 30 kilometers of bypass roads are to be built next year in Judea and Samaria, with priority given to areas with greater security needs, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday after a day-long visit to the territories.

Gur visited Beit Haggai, Otniel, and Efrat and heard settlers tell of their problems, mainly those concerning security at home and on the roads.

Suspect held in Pardess Katz murder

Tel Aviv resident Ben Barak, 40, was remanded for seven days yesterday by the Ramle Magistrate's Court on suspicion of murdering Uri Levy, 30, an Arabic teacher from Pardess Katz whose body was found in the Ben-Shemen Forest last week. A police representative told the court the suspect was discovered through a check of telephone records, which showed he had apparently called the murdered man on the day of his death. Barak denies any involvement with the murder. *Itim*

Scooter rider killed

Moped driver Yitzhak Eyal, 30, was killed yesterday evening when he crashed into a truck that pulled out in front of him.

Eyal, a resident of Omer, was driving to Beersheba when the accident occurred. Police have detained the truck driver for questioning. *Itim*

TA accountant stabbed

A Tel Aviv accountant, Alexander Carmi, was stabbed near the entrance to his office last night, but was not robbed, police said.

The attacker apparently tried to take Carmi's wallet but the accountant resisted, and was stabbed during the scuffle. He was admitted to Ichilov Hospital in moderate condition.

The attacker fled, and had not been found by late last night. *Itim*

Toddler dies in Ashdod

A two-year-old girl from Ashdod died yesterday after being rushed to a Kupat Holim Clalit clinic by her older sister.

"My sister isn't breathing, save her!" cried the 14-year-old sister. After attempting to revive the toddler, doctors on duty pronounced her dead.

The child had suffered from meningitis in the past, but her father said that she had recovered. *Itim*

Iraqi Jews shown on Channel Two

Channel Two showed rare footage of Iraq's tiny Jewish community last night. Iraqi Jews are seen praying in Baghdad's only synagogue and carrying Jewish Torah scrolls. "We sent an emissary who met with the community. All told there are 80 people (in Baghdad), most elderly although there are also some children," said Mordechai Ben Porat, head of an Israeli organization of former Iraqi Jews. One of those filmed, identified as the president of Baghdad's Jewish community, said Jews were treated well in Iraq.

European desertification panel in Israel

The Council of Europe's subcommittee on world food problems wound up two days of discussions yesterday at the Knesset on regional cooperation in the fight against desertification. More than 30 participants from abroad, including members of European parliaments, and delegates from Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco took part in the conference.

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 6, 11, 16, 28, 48 and 49, and the additional number was 21

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, nine of hearts, king of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

Fatah warns it will fail at polls if IDF still present

LAMIA LAHOUD

IF the IDF does not withdraw from Palestinian cities during elections, Fatah will surely lose, the Fatah High Committee said yesterday.

The committee met yesterday to discuss Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's statements made in Japan that Palestinian elections should not be linked to a redeployment of IDF forces in the territories.

In a leaflet issued after the meeting, Fatah said it could not accept elections without redeployment and warned that there can be no peace without the full implementation of the DOP.

Security arrangements in Palestinian areas should be handed over to the Palestinian Authority and redeployment and elections are unseperable, the statement said.

"We cannot accept elections without redeployment, because that way Fatah will surely lose to the opposition in general elections," said Marwan Baghoutheh, a leading member of the High Committee of Fatah.

Fatah also rejected an Israeli proposal for a three-day withdrawal from Palestinian population areas during the elections.

HASSAN

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should be such a dispute now when the focus should be on first liberating Jerusalem," said Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, spokesman for the Arab bloc here, after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Jordan's King Hussein and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat were to explain their views on the conflict to the summit.

Faisal Husseini, the chief Palestinian Authority figure in Jerusalem, also went to Casablanca and is expected to head for Saudi Arabia afterwards to continue discussions on Saudi aid for Jerusalem, *Al-Quds* said yesterday.

The Higher Islamic Council in Jerusalem issued a statement prior to the Casablanca Islamic summit calling on all Moslem states to "fulfill your responsibilities toward Jerusalem, the site of the Prophet's ascent to heaven and the city liberated by Saladin."

Islamic personalities in Hebron issued a statement reminding the participants at the summit of restrictions imposed by Israel in Hebron and at the Machpela Cave since the February massacre of Moslems there.

In an editorial *Al-Quds* described the circumstances of the summit as "tragic. The Palestinian cause is in the past tense for Arab countries racing to normalize relations with Israel."

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Commercial attaches from foreign embassies yesterday tour the Ganir juice factory, run jointly by the Beit Nir and Gat kibbutzim in the Lachish region. They observed production from the arrival of the oranges to the packaging of the juice.

Ministry to probe fire at pipeline company

LIAT COLLINS

THE Environment Ministry is opening a criminal investigation into why the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company did not immediately report a fire two weeks ago or a similar incident six months ago.

The Energy Ministry, meanwhile, is investigating an Israel Radio report that a fire at the Pi Glilot gas depot near Herzliya was not reported to authorities.

Yesterday, the Environment Ministry submitted its report of the Ashkelon pipeline incident to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who is responsible for the government-owned concern. The report said the company works without a business license, poisonous substance permit or hazardous materials permit; does not have sufficient emergency teams to cope with accidents; and that the electronic fire warning device did not operate because it was hit by lightning the previous day.

Pipeline company spokesman Shmuel Algrabli said in response that since the company had extra-territorial status, it was not bound by the laws requiring these licenses and permits, and had not been previously asked to abide by them. He also noted that the company reported the incident, which its own workers brought under control with no damage or injuries, the following day. Like other companies working with hazardous materials, the pipeline company was not aware of the legal obligation to inform the ministry of the incident, he said.

"We will study the report. Some of its recommendations have already been implemented and we are holding discussions about the licenses," said pipeline general manager Reuven Boneh. He said the company's workers deserved praise for the brave and professional way they extinguished the fire, which broke out when lightning struck the roof of a fuel tank.

The company denied ever refusing access to the ministry workers and said that outside safety experts had visited the site. Algrabli also said Brig.-Gen. Aharon Vardi, who is the minister's adviser on hazardous materials, had visited the plant in his previous position as chief of the Home Front Command when he had praised the safety measures.

Sarid asked Shohat to use his full force to rectify the deficiencies found at the company.

Murderer of Hanit Kikos appeals conviction

SULEIMAN Abeid, 46, who was convicted last month by the Beersheba District Court of murdering Hanit Kikos of Ofakim in June 1993 and sentenced to life imprisonment, has appealed his conviction to the Supreme Court.

Abeid's attorney, Avigdor Feldman, said in the appeal that his client could not be convicted on the strength of his confession alone, since Abeid is mildly retarded and confessed because he was under extreme pressure during the police interrogation.

Feldman noted that Abeid's confession to the rape and murder of Kikos was totally baseless, and had never been backed by any solid evidence. For example, he claimed he had dumped Kikos's body in the Dudaim garbage dump near Beersheba, but the body was never found.

Feldman also asked that, until the court hears the appeal, his client be released from prison and that the implementation of the life sentence he received be delayed.

In convicting Abeid, the court cited not only his confession, but the fact that he had recreated the crime for police, and that he knew certain personal details about Kikos, such as the fact that she smoked and that she was carrying a bag the night she disappeared.

But Feldman said the recording of his client's interrogation showed that the police put words in his client's mouth, and that he did not know other significant details about Kikos, like her age, her hair color, and exactly what she was wearing.

(Itim)

Women's Network: Scandalous that rabbinical panel never met

HERB KEINON

A COMMITTEE set up in January to recommend ways to improve the functioning of rabbinical courts has not yet held a meeting, a track-record termed "scandalous" by the Israel Women's Network.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his capacity as acting religious affairs minister, established the committee following two television programs that were highly critical of the manner in which the courts function.

Among the complaints are that rabbinical judges are frequently absent or late, and that it takes an excessively long time before cases are dealt with.

"Because of the gravity of the situation, one would expect that the committee would work quickly and vigorously. Therefore it is astonishing to hear that until today, nearly a year after the committee was set up, it has yet to convene," said Alice Shalvi, head of Israel Women's Network.

Eitan Haber, the head of the Prime Minister Bureau, sent a letter to the Women's Network last week saying that "if there are not any new hitches, the committee will meet soon."

NEWS IN BRIEF

ACRI attacks Namir

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel yesterday condemned Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir's order to force homeless people to undergo treatment if they want free food and shelter.

"The state has an obligation to give every citizen shelter so he won't freeze to death and enough food so he won't starve to death," ACRI said in a statement. A homeless person does not lose all of his civil rights or human dignity, and is deserving of services without any preconditions, it said.

Woman accused of stealing from father

A 24-year-old woman suspected of stealing large sums of money from her father was remanded yesterday by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court for 15 days and ordered to undergo psychiatric observation.

The woman is suspected of stealing checks from her father and forging his signature on them. Police said she took a bank check for NIS 40 and added three zeros to the sum to buy a motorcycle for her boyfriend. Around the same time, police said, the suspect forged a check from one of her father's businesses for NIS 34,500.

Police said the woman has forgery charges pending against her in Tel Aviv District Court. *Itim*

Histadrut HQ to move to Jerusalem

THE Histadrut will move its headquarters from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem within a year, 26 years after it decided in principle to do so, Histadrut spokeswoman Rachel Bluestein confirmed yesterday.

Among the likely sites are a building at the western entrance to Jerusalem that was to be the new national headquarters of Bezek, and a building being constructed in the Givat Shaul quarter by the Jerusalem Economic Corporation. Bezek is considering moving its headquarters to another location, either in Jerusalem or more likely closer to the Dan Region.

Court rejects policemen's appeal

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday rejected the appeal of two policemen sentenced to four months' community service for assaulting a man they were questioning.

"Violent policemen cannot expect mercy and kindness from the court. This kind of policemen should realize that this kind of behavior will result in their being fired," the court said in its decision.

Faisal Abu-Samara and Aryeh Cohen were convicted of beating a Lod man who would not provide information.

The judges said that police must uphold the law even if they find themselves in difficult situations. *Itim*

Two injured in court brawl

Two Jerusalem residents were lightly to moderately injured yesterday, when a brawl broke out in Jerusalem District Court between a witness in a case and the family of the suspect.

One of the family members stabbed the witness in the neck, while another suffered a blow to the face. Police arrived and separated the sides, arresting one suspect. *Itim*

Wolf Prize in medicine announced

Two researchers in the biochemistry of cells will share the 1994-95 Wolf Prize in medicine, the Wolf Foundation announced yesterday.

Professor Michael Berridge of Cambridge University in Britain and Professor Yasutomi Nishizuka of the Kobe University School of Medicine in Japan will share the $100,000 award for their independent discoveries on cellular signaling.

Oral contraceptive may be tested here

JUDY SIEGEL

JERUSALEM'S Misgav Ladach Hospital intends to establish a joint company with a former local oncologist for testing his new type of oral contraceptive pill. Approval to begin clinical trials of B-OVAL, which combines the natural hormone melatonin with a synthetic progesterone, could take over a year. First, it must get approval from the Health Ministry.

The pill's developer, Dr. Michael Cohen, was previously an oncologist at Sheba Hospital and now works in Washington, D.C., and at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Cohen, who conducted research at the US National Institutes of Health, is said to be in the final stages of getting US Food and Drug Administration approval for clinical trials there. The pill has already been tested extensively in Holland.

Writing in the latest issue of the hospital's journal *Misgav*, Cohen notes that despite the small amounts of female hormones in conventional contraceptive pills, they produce side effects that commonly occur in pregnancy. He says his pill contains no estrogen.

Yes, there are Kinneret piranha

DAVID RUDGE

IT now seems almost certain that the fish with sharp teeth pulled recently from Lake Kinneret by fisherman are in fact piranha.

Agriculture Ministry experts who have examined one of the specimens caught by a fisherman are convinced it is a red piranha – one of 12 species of the carnivorous fish. So far, six of the fish with saw-edged teeth have been in the lake, near the Tiberias hot springs.

Piranha live in fresh water and are normally found in South America, where the water temperature is at least 26° centigrade. They are considered to be extremely dangerous when feeding in schools. Since the swimming season is over, there has been no panic among tourists, an official said. The fish are expected to die when the water turns cold.

Hungarian churches accept blame for silence during Holocaust

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE Hungarian Catholic and Protestant churches have issued a statement on the Holocaust which declares that not only the perpetrators were responsible, but also all church members who failed to raise their voices in protest.

The statement, issued during the Advent season preceding Christmas in the name of the Hungarian Catholic Bishops Council and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary, represents a trend among Catholics and other Christians to assume a greater degree of responsibility for the mass murder of European Jewry.

The Hungarian statement falls short, however, of recognizing any link between theological anti-Jewish teachings and the antisemitism which culminated in the Holocaust. Such a connection was indicated, for example, in a draft statement drawn up earlier this year by the German Bishops' Conference, which speaks of the "coresponsibility and guilt of the Church."

That statement, which was made public in May during a meeting in Jerusalem between Vatican officials and the International Jewish Committee for Inter-Religious Consultations, said that "the tradition of theological and Church antisemitism was an important element on the way toward the Shoah."

The Hungarian statement, issued on the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust in that country, speaks of the Holocaust as "the greatest shame of our 20th century" and "an unpardonable sin." It reads:

"On the occasion of the anniversary we have to state that not only the perpetrators of this insane crime are responsible for it, but all those who, although they declared themselves members of our churches, through fear, cowardice, or opportunism, failed to raise their voices against the mass humiliation, deportation, and murder of their Jewish neighbors."

Rabbi David Rosen, director of inter-religious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the statement is a reflection of the extent to which the countries of Eastern Europe are catching up with those of the West in Christian-Jewish relations. In some areas, he added, the Hungarian statement even went beyond those issued by Christians in Western countries and he hopes the Vatican takes note of this progress and emulates it.

Education Ministry softens on bagrut for students with disabilities

BATSHEVA TSUR

PUPILS suffering from dyslexia or other disabilities will from this year have greater leeway when writing *bagrut* (matriculation) examinations.

Education Ministry Director-General Shimshon Shoshani yesterday issued new guidelines for taking disabilities into account and giving schools greater freedom to decide who should benefit from the arrangements.

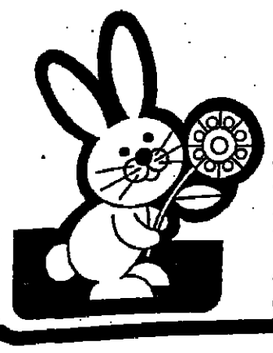
Under these guidelines, the school principal together with his pedagogic advisory council will be free to decide whether a pupil is entitled to a special arrangement. The pupils eligible are those who have a learning disability, or a handicap such as difficulties in seeing or hearing.

Teachers or professionals who have examined the pupils will be able to recommend the special testing conditions.

The principal and the pedagogic council will then decide whether the pupils should be examined orally or get 25% more time for an examination. Other possibilities are that examiners will be instructed to ignore spelling mistakes, exams will be recopied or read out to special pupils.

The ministry will take the utmost precautions to keep all recommendations sent by the school in strict confidence, Shoshani said yesterday.

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Panama: Cuban refugees must be out by March 6

NUEVO EMPERADOR, Panama (AP) – Five days after Cuban refugees rioted in camps here, Panama's president has announced that all 8,500 of them must leave the country by March 6.

"I want to reiterate what was a promise to the Panamanian people," President Ernesto Perez Balladares said Monday evening after arriving from the Summit of the Americas in Miami.

"It was six months and it will be six months," Perez Balladares said, referring to the length of time he told President Clinton the refugees could remain in Panama.

He added that none of the Cubans would be allowed to stay.

"We didn't invite them to Panama. We lent them our territory to save them from what would have been certain death on the high seas," he said.

His comments came as 630 more US soldiers from two battalions arrived to reinforce troops guarding the camps where 1,000 Cubans rioted last Wednesday and Thursday.

The soldiers arrived late Monday night to bolster 2,000 troops guarding four Cuban encampments, said US Army Capt. John Leggett, spokesman for the refugee operation.

"There are children playing baseball but you can feel tension in the atmosphere," Leggett said.

Soldiers who conducted a second sweep of two camps on Monday confiscated a cache of homemade weapons, the *Miami Herald* reported in yesterday's editions.

Last week's rioting was the worst violence since Clinton ordered US warships to begin intercepting Cuban refugees at sea in August.

Hundreds of refugees last week broke down barbed wire fences, ran through the jungle and tried to swim the Panama Canal.

More than 200 US soldiers and several refugees were injured in the melee.

In a related development, 40 Cubans were being be sent to the United States Tuesday under a program that allows provisional entry to the sick, the elderly and unaccompanied children under age 13.



Chechens show support for separatist fighters yesterday as a column of vehicles leaves Grozny to man positions around the city. (AP)

Russian aircraft hit Chechnya

CHRIS BIRD
GROZNY, Russia

HELICOPTER gunships and jets attacked a village outside the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya yesterday, as stunned villagers wandered the streets, scattering when they heard an aircraft approach.

"They're killing innocent people!" wailed Vera Cheborbayova, whose neighbor was carried away on a stretcher after being wounded by a rocket blast in the Russian helicopter assault on Pervomaiskoye. Another woman was reported badly wounded.

Russian officials issued their first casualty report, saying nine servicemen were killed and 14 wounded since 40,000 Russian troops poured into Chechnya over the weekend to end its move to secede from the Russian Federation. There was no comparable report on Chechen losses.

Late yesterday, a Russian armored column halted its advance some 50 kilometers west of the Chechen capital Grozny when 500 peaceful demonstrators blocked them in the village of Dovidinko. One protester's sign read: "Russian soldiers stop – Don't spill the blood of the people."

A rising death toll could create more political problems for Russia President Boris Yeltsin, who is already facing opposition at home for his decision to dispatch soldiers to the region some 1,500 kilometers southeast of Moscow.

The State Duma or lower house of parliament overwhelmingly passed a resolution criticizing the government's efforts to resolve the crisis were "unsatisfactory." One of the few backers of military intervention was ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who said: "If you have gangrene, you have to amputate the limb."

But Moscow was not backing off. According to an ITAR-Tass news agency report citing a military source, Russian troops were ordered to seal off Grozny by the end of the day yesterday.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told reporters in Moscow that if Chechen units did not disarm, Russia "will be forced to use as much force as necessary to establish law and order," ITAR-Tass said.

Russian and Chechen delegates meeting for a second day in Vladikavkaz, just outside Chechnya, said both sides wanted an agreement but remained at odds over Russia's demand that Chechen forces put down their weapons. Chechnya insists Moscow withdraw its forces first.

"The fact that the Russian and Chechen sides are at the negotiating table at all is positive," said Vyacheslav Mikhailov, leader of the Russian delegation.

The Chechen delegation leader, Taimaz Abubakarov, said late Tuesday he had no idea how long the talks would last.

Chechnya, a mostly Moslem nation of 1.2 million people in southern Russia, declared independence in 1991. Russia has refused to recognize the claim and has backed Chechen forces opposed to the breakaway government.

Russian officials have offered to help rebuild Chechnya's economy, restore electricity and send food in exchange for an agreement to disarm.

But Chechen officials remained defiant.

President Dzhokhar Dudayev said, "We don't have the slightest doubt about the rightness of our cause," and claimed the future of democracy in Russia hinged on the outcome. (AP)

Brazil's ex-leader Collor acquitted of corruption

BRASILIA (Reuter) – Brazil's Supreme Court acquitted former President Fernando Collor of a corruption charge Monday, two years after he resigned during his impeachment trial.

The Supreme Court voted 5-3 to acquit Collor, 45, on one count of passive corruption stemming from an alleged multimillion-dollar influence-peddling ring.

Justices also voted to absolve Paulo Cesar Farias, Collor's 1989 campaign manager and alleged mastermind of the scheme, of passive corruption.

During the three-day trial judges repeatedly criticized Attorney General Aristides Junqueira for lack of proof showing Collor was part of a group that allegedly extorted money from businessmen in exchange for favors.

One of the judges that voted to acquit Collor, Jose Celso de Mello, said Junqeira had not included testimony gathered by federal agents and congressional investigators in more than 60,000 pages of evidence.

"The documents that are not in this evidence do not exist for the world of jurisprudence," he said.

Despite the acquittal, Collor could face more legal trouble. Junqueira said last week he would begin a legal case against him for tax fraud.

Collor, a former governor who took office in 1990 vowing to clean up Brazilian politics, resigned in December 1992 during his Senate trial on corruption charges.

During his impeachment trial, the Senate banned Collor from politics until 2000. The ban remains in place despite the Supreme Court decision.

UN condemns attack on peacekeepers

SARAJEVO (AP) – The United Nations yesterday condemned an attack that injured five Bangladeshi peacekeepers in northwest Bosnia, but said the local commander's request for NATO air support had been denied.

Bosnian Serbs who are impeding UN operations have said there can be no return to normal relations until the threat of NATO air strikes is eliminated.

UN officials also reported yesterday that they expected several aid convoys to reach Sarajevo and other points.

"The attack on the Bangladeshi soldiers is one of the most flagrant and calculated assaults on UNPROFOR to have taken place in the history of this peacekeeping operation," said UN spokesman Michael Williams at headquarters in Zagreb, Croatia.

"The nature of the weapons used left no shadow of a doubt that this was anything other than deliberate targeting of UNPROFOR soldiers," he said, refering to the UN Protection Force.

Williams blamed the attack either on Croatian Serbs or on allied renegade Moslem forces who are fighting Bosnian government forces in northwest Bosnia. They fired anti-armor missiles Monday at a UN armored personnel carrier in the Bihac region.

The attack injured at least five Bangladeshi peacekeeping troops, who were taken to a US military field hospital in Zagreb for treatment.

Lt. Col. Jan-Dirk von Merveldt, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said UN officials have warned the Bosnian Serb army officials of "consequences," of further attacks. However, he said that the local Bangladeshi commander's request for NATO air support of his troops had been turned down.

Von Merveldt said poor visibility contributed to the decision.

"It was in a built-up area so the use of air resources for this sort of thing would have been very tricky," he said. "Air presence was requested .. but it wasn't used."

Von Merveldt said the decision not to call in NATO planes was made in Sarajevo.

The United Nations said last week that it was planning to withdraw the approximately 1,200 under-equipped and poorly supplied Bangladeshis from Bihac.

Berlusconi vows to remain

MILAN (AP) – Insisting his leadership is not doomed, Premier Silvio Berlusconi faced questions yesterday from anti-corruption magistrates whose probes have government allies sounding like enemies and critics howling for blood.

The image of Berlusconi's gray Mercedes passing through a police cordon was poignant in its symbolism: The powerful and widely popular prosecutors still call the shots.

Their "Clean Hands" probes toppled the old political establishment, making possible Berlusconi's rise. But prosecutors pressed on and last month put Berlusconi under investigation in a probe of alleged bribes of tax inspectors by his Fininvest SpA media and retail company.

In a letter published yesterday in Italy's leading financial newspaper, Berlusconi said he was going to his questioning with his "head held high" and confident the case against him would be dropped.

Moslem militants attack Egyptain prisoner train

CAIRO (AP) – Suspected Moslem extremists attacked a train carrying prisoners in southern Egypt yesterday, killing a policemen and injuring a civilian, a security source said.

The attack brought the death toll in this week's violence between police and suspected militants in southern Egypt to eight on both sides.

The train came under fire while standing still at the railway station of Nag' Hammadi in the Upper Egypt governorate of Qena, 460 kilometers south of Cairo, said a security official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the attackers did not try to free the nine jailed extremists among the prisoners inside the northbound train to Cairo.

He added that policeman Ali el-Sayeh Ali was killed in the random-style shooting and the assailants stole his gun.

A bystander at the train station was also injured in the attack.

Black men to march on DC in October

CHICAGO – A group of African American leaders concluded a weekend of meetings here Sunday with an endorsement of a call by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan for a march by 1 million black men in Washington in October.

The meetings, billed as the third "National African American Leadership Summit," were organized by Benjamin Chavis, who was fired in August as executive director of the NAACP amid allegations of personal and financial misconduct.

In a two-page statement issued after the closed meetings, Chavis, Farrakhan and the others also called for selected boycotts against major US corporations that fail to make "substantial investments in the black community."

In an interview, Chavis said the Washington march that Farrakhan has called for would be less a protest than a chance "to affirm our responsibility to care for the African American community, to care for our families."

"We want to change our relationship with the government," he added. "We don't want our community to be dependent on government programs... We intend to march in Washington, not on Washington."

Chavis said about 100 people attended the meetings but they did not include Jesse L. Jackson, who was in Chicago this weekend.

Chavis said he did not know why Jackson, who has hinted that he will challenge President Clinton in the 1996 election, did not accept an invitation to attend the sessions. *The Washington Post*

US synagogue vandalized with graffiti

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) – Anti-semitic markings were spray-painted on a synagogue over the weekend in the area's second reported hate crime within a week.

Swastikas and the words "White Power" and "Jews Die" were found Sunday spray-painted in gray, gold and white lettering on the doors of Knesset Israel Congregation, this state capital's oldest and largest synagogue.

The vandals didn't attempt to break into the synagogue and no other damage to the building was found, police said.

Racist graffiti and swastikas were found last week spray-painted on a hair salon owned by a black woman in nearby Edgewater.

Police said they had no suspects and didn't know whether the incidents were related.

Letter in US rises to 32¢ on Jan. 1

WASHINGTON – The new 32-cent price for a first-class letter will become effective January 1, the Postal Service Board of Governors declared Monday.

A series of new nondenominated G stamps depicting the flag – Old Glory – went on sale yesterday for use on letters at the 32-cent price. They will serve as the nation's primary stamps until 32-cent stamps are printed in about three months.

International stamp prices are expected to be raised later this year, the Postal Service said.

The Washington Post

NY, where you lose a life for a quarter

LAURA ITALIANO
NEW YORK

POLICE say they've seen people gunned down over the most trivial slights and grudges. But never over 25 cents.

"Nobody has fistfights anymore," Detective Richard Brew of the 75th Precinct said after arresting a Brooklyn man on second-degree murder charges in Friday night's fatal shooting at a video store.

Police said suspect Manuel Waisome lost a quarter in the pay phone at Kings Music Video and shot store employee Horacio Agosta after he was refused a refund.

"This happens all the time. The old, 'He dissed me so I shot him' kind of thing," Brew said. "But nobody dies over a quarter."

Agosta, 29 – known as Junior in the neighborhood – was shot down in the video store's horror section.

"It's over now," Agosta's brother, David, said of the Sunday arrest of Waisome, 53. "But the family is really hurt right now."

Brew gave this account of the murder and arrest: "Friday evening, Waisome tried to beep someone on a store pay phone, but lost his 25 cents. Police said Waisome argued for a refund with Agosta's father, Horacio Sr., who also worked at the store.

"So he lost his quarter, and he got very upset about that," Brew said.

The son stepped in after Waisome began cursing at his father, and punched Waisome as the argument continued outside the store.

"He was cursing the father out and the son told him, 'Hey, don't speak to my father that way.' But eventually, everybody shakes hands, apologized to each other, and leaves," Brew said.

Police said Waisome returned to the store – apparently after stewing over the argument – and shot Agosta three times from the doorway and then fled in a car as two shocked customers watched.

Officials said Agosta died that night in the hospital of wounds to the heart and lungs. Police said they arrested Waisome Sunday night after tracing him to a car that matched the description given by witnesses at the scene.

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Brazil's ex-leader Collor acquitted of corruption

Ethiopia unveils new constitution

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter) – Ethiopia, long a cockpit of secessionist conflicts, this week unveiled a new constitution that leaves the door of self-determination open to those who want to use it.

"There are those who believe the right of nationalities to self-determination will rip the country into pieces," President Meles Zenawi told delegates at the formal closing of the constituent assembly in Addis Ababa.

"But this is one of the articles that will ensure the unity of our peoples," Meles added, saying the nation's past conflicts stemmed from the lack of a forum for peaceful complaint.

The ceremony marked the climax of a transition begun when Meles's Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) guerrillas overthrew Marxist dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam in May 1991.

Elections have been ordered within six months. Diplomats say the EPRDF is likely to dominate the result and make Meles prime minister – the post that holds executive power.

In the new leaders' view, Ethiopia's problems lay in its history as an empire carved out by warrior kings from the Amhara highlands and ruled with force by its feudal monarchs and, then, after 1974, by Mengistu.

They said the only way Ethiopia could avoid disintegration was to meet the unruly urges of ethnic diversity head-on, giving each region a federal government and a right of secession.

The Red Sea state of Eritrea, where allies of the EPRDF won a 30-year war for self-rule, declared independence last year.

Diplomats say that it is unlikely other regions will have the same chance soon – since the constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote by a federal assembly, followed by a referendum after three years in favor of separation.

Nevertheless, some opposition parties refused to participate in the constituent assembly because of the self-determination question.

Islamic extremists play down Iran link

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DOUGLAS DAVIS
LONDON

PALESTINIAN rejectionist groups, both religious and secular, have launched a concerted campaign to play down the financial support they receive from Iran and to deny that their activities are substantially underwritten by Teheran.

Spokesmen for Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command all propagated this message in interviews published this week by the London-based Saudi-owned weekly *al-Wasat*.

Western diplomats believe the interviews, which appear to be carefully orchestrated, were inspired by Iran in an attempt to distance Teheran from complicity in terrorist atrocities which the groups are suspected of perpetrating.

The intention, they say, is to restore a measure of respectability for Iran in Western capitals and to facilitate the process of rescheduling of Iran's foreign debts to the West.

In the interviews, the spokesmen provide some rare insights into the admittedly close ties between the Palestinian radicals and Iran, but all are adamant that links with Teheran are based on a common strategic purpose rather than on Iranian sponsorship of their activities.

Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shakaki, who was deported from Gaza to Lebanon, conceded that he identified with the principles of Iran's Islamic revolution and said there was widespread support for the commitment of the Iranian revolution to fight colonialism and the "forces of international arrogance."

It was this identification that motivated the first of many visits to Teheran, starting in December 1988, when he met the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, as well as Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, now Iran's supreme leader, and current President Akhbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Shakaki said Islamic Jihad and Iran shared a common perception about Islam and the Palestinians, "which makes the Iranian position one of the strongest in support of the Palestinian cause."

However, he insisted that Iranian support for Islamic Jihad is "more social and political than financial" and he denied that his organization or any other Palestinian groups had "military training camps in Iran or any other country." Claims that Teheran provided Islamic Jihad and Hamas with $20 million a year were "grossly exaggerated," although the Iranian Majlis had allocated such a sum to support the intifada in particular and the Palestinian cause in general.

In fact, he said, the amount of aid disbursed by Iran's Palestinian Committee, which consists of an aide to Rafsanjani and representatives of the Revolutionary Guards and the Iranian Foreign Ministry, was limited to families of Palestinian "martyrs" and detainees, as well as some social and health services.

The paper quoted an unnamed "prominent Palestinian Islamist" as saying Iranian financial assistance to Palestinian factions did not exceed $3m. a year to families of "martyrs" and detainees.

AMMAN-BASED Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh told the paper that his organization's ties with Iran were cemented after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait when Hamas officials joined a delegation of Arab and Islamic organizations that visited several capitals, including Teheran.

After he attended a 1991 conference on Palestine in Teheran, it was agreed that Hamas would open an office in the Iranian capital headed by Gaza deportee Ammar al-Alami. Further visits to Iran by Hamas officials led to meetings with top Iranian officials in 1992.

However, he said that while Iran and Hamas shared an assessment of the peace process and both rejected UN Security Council Resolution 242, he denied that Iran provided financial support for Hamas.

"What we receive is assistance from people," he said. "What is true of Iran in this context is also true of noble brethren in the Gulf states, Europe and the United States." He also denied he headed a Hamas delegation that inspected Revolutionary Guards camps in Iran, accusing "some parties of trying to fish in troubled waters and of fabricating baseless reports about cooperation agreements between Hamas and Iran."

Fadl Shrourou, a member of the PFLP-GC's political bureau, said ties were cemented after Iran played a central role in restoring calm during the "war of the camps" when fighting erupted between Syrian-backed Shi'ite militias and PLO fighters in Lebanon in 1985.

These ties deepened when Iran supported the intifada and hosted an anti-peace conference in Teheran at the same time as the 1991 Madrid conference.

According to Shrourou, payments to Palestinian families stopped in mid-1993 and Iranian aid is now limited to health and social activities.

He added that no officials of the PFLP-GC had visited Teheran for three years and that contacts occurred only when Iranian officials visited Damascus or via "special envoys."

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's *London correspondent.*



A Moroccan honor guard lines up at Casablanca Airport Monday before the outset of the seventh Islamic Summit. (AP)

US questions Syrian grasp of reality

NORMAN KEMPSTER
WASHINGTON

IT was, the Syrian foreign minister said later, a most shocking scene: American Jewish leaders took over the office of a leading congressman and one even sat in the lawmaker's own chair.

To the Syrian, it was a clear indication of the unchecked power of the Jewish lobby.

US officials in turn expressed alarm at the astonishment of the minister, Farouk Shara.

To them, Shara's reaction to the recent meeting in the office of House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Lee Hamilton, a Democrat from Indiana, underlined a potentially troublesome blind spot in the world view of the Syrian leadership.

US officials are becoming increasingly concerned that miscalculations by the Syrians may be a serious obstacle to agreement.

They are cautiously optimistic that Israel and Syria will come to terms next year, before the election season reaches full steam in both Israel and the US for 1996. But they worry that the process will be complicated – and possibly derailed – by the way Syria's leaders view reality.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher has said that both President Hafez Assad and Prime Minister Rabin are seriously striving to reach an agreement.

US officials see both men as meticulous negotiators unwilling to complete an agreement until they are sure the details are just right. The officials are becoming concerned that one side might inadvertently scuttle the talks by pressing for more than the other side is capable of giving.

On each side, officials say, distrust of the other may be so pervasive that genuine attempts at compromise will be written off as empty posturing.

US officials say the primary purpose of Christopher's frequent trips to Damascus and Jerusalem is to try to nudge negotiating positions closer together. But they say a major secondary objective is to try to reconcile the differences between the way the two sides view reality.

For most of this year, the Syrian leadership has been trying to reach out to the Israeli public and the American Jewish community to persuade them of Assad's good intentions. But most of the overtures have been a bit off-key, often because of Syria's idiosyncratic perceptions of history and reality.

When Shara visited the US in early October to attend the opening of the UN General Assembly, for instance, he granted an interview to Israel Television and he met with a group of American Jewish leaders.

No one on the American side considered the venue (Hamilton's office) at all unusual, but Shara viewed it as confirmation of his belief that Jewish groups wielded undue influence on Capitol Hill.

Shara's interview with ITV was unprecedented. Most of the interview was diplomatically vague. But in response to the last question, Shara infuriated Israelis and strained credulity by insisting that Syrian gunners had never attacked civilian targets from the Golan Heights.

He said people who believe otherwise were misled by the "Zionist-controlled international news media."

(*Los Angeles Times*)

US-Lebanon relations start afresh

BEIRUT (AP) – The weekend visit to Lebanon by a senior US envoy marks a new beginning in relations that could lead to the lifting of an American travel ban.

But the Americans are setting stiff conditions on the Beirut government if Washington is to reconsider the restrictions, the leftist newspaper *As-Safir* reported.

Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, was the first senior US official to visit Lebanon in about a year, signaling an American will to improve strained ties.

Foreign Minister Faris Bweiz told the independent *An-Nahar* newspaper that Pelletreau's discussions "aimed at reiterating Washington's desire to reorganize Lebanese-American relations and its readiness to discuss with authorities the issues that led to the ban."

Pelletreau, who met President Elias Hrawi and other government leaders, has said Washington wants to see ties with Beirut improve and increase.

The newspaper, quoting unnamed political sources, said the US wants the Beirut government to rein in Hizbullah and hunt down and prosecute terrorists who kidnapped and killed more than 260 Americans in Lebanon during the 1975-90 civil war.

The US, stung by terrorist attacks and kidnappings of its citizens in Beirut, imposed the travel ban in 1987.

Moslem heads paper over cracks in unity

DESPITE serious divisions, Moslem leaders managed to approve their final summit declaration in Casablanca. It excluded any reference to the controversies which dogged its preparation.

The document made no mention of the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait or the argument over Jerusalem between the Palestinians and Jordan, the contentious issues at the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) gathering.

These issues and the crisis in Bosnia, which was the top item on the summit agenda, were tackled in separate resolutions.

The "Casablanca Declaration" issued at the end of the two-day Islamic summit over the weekend supported the Middle East peace process but cautioned against what it called Israel's delaying tactics.

The declaration by the OIC's 52 members expressed hope for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East based on UN resolutions and the return of "all Israeli-occupied Arab land including Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan and south Lebanon...."

It also called for "sovereignty of the Palestinian people over their own land, their right to self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital while alerting the sponsors of the peace conference to Israel's maneuvers to delay implementation of the resolutions adopted by international legality."

The other main theme of the declaration concerned the image of Islam which the document said has been distorted by a "ferocious campaign" and must be corrected.

"On this matter, we call upon Moslem scholars to follow the evolution of the contemporary world in adopting an enlightened vision of Islam free of extremism or fanaticism," the document said.

The declaration condemned all acts of terrorism by groups or states but excluded what it called "legitimate national struggles" like "national resistance to Israeli occupation."

A 23-member Political Committee worked feverishly to hammer out differences between Jordan and the Palestinians over the Jerusalem issue and between Iraq and Kuwait.

The ministerial session of the conference was attended by delegations from all 52 members of the OIC, plus a handful of observers including Bosnia.

The dispute between Iraq and Kuwait remains entrenched. Kuwait sought a strongly worded resolution stating that the embargo against Iraq not be lifted – a move an Iraqi delegate called "unacceptable."

Iraq also wanted a reference to the plight of its people because of stifling sanctions in force since its invasion of Kuwait.

The harassed ministers finally scratched together the 56-point agenda presented to their leaders for endorsement.

"There had to be compromises," declared Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

Jordan wanted a proposed resolution on Jerusalem to include a reference to its role in administrating the holy sites in the city. The Palestinians felt such a declaration would undermine their claims in the eastern part of the city.

"Jordan's position is clear. Jerusalem's holy sites are in our trust until our Palestinian brethren can regain their sovereignty over the city," Jordanian Foreign Minister Talal Hassan said. "There is no reason for a dispute."

The ministers also devoted a two-hour session to the conflict in Bosnia.

The OIC nations renewed their call for lifting the arms embargo so Bosnian Moslems could get better access to weapons.

"It is immoral to prevent them from defending themselves," Moussa said.

The OIC renewed its offer to send peacekeepers under the banner of the United Nations – a suggestion rejected by Western countries which fear it could allow Moslem fundamentalists, such as from Iran, to gain a foothold on the European continent.

Led by their Moroccan hosts, the ministers devised recommendations for a worldwide campaign to project Islam as a religion that eschews violence and advocates peace and reconciliation.

A proposed code of conduct says OIC members will "no longer welcome, train, arm, finance or increase whatever facilities" for terrorists.

On the Arab-Israeli negotiations, the ministers reached a carefully worded but contradictory resolution.

It welcomed the signed accords between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians, but called for the maintenance of the Arab boycott until after an Israeli peace with Lebanon and Syria.

(News agencies)

Saudis warn UK on fundamentalists

LONDON (Reuter) – A senior member of the Saudi royal family has warned that campaigning from Britain by dissident Moslem fundamentalists could hurt relations between the countries, the *Independent* reported.

It quoted Prince Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz, interior minister and brother of King Fahd, as saying Britain should "consider the interests" of Saudi Arabia in dealing with the fundamentalists.

Diplomats quoted by the newspaper said the remarks, made in an interview, amounted to outspoken criticism of British policy.

Last month London rejected an application for political asylum from Mohammed Masari, a fundamentalist who fled Saudi Arabia last year.

Masari has worked closely with a group known as the Committee for Defense of Legitimate Rights, which has criticized the Saudi government from London.

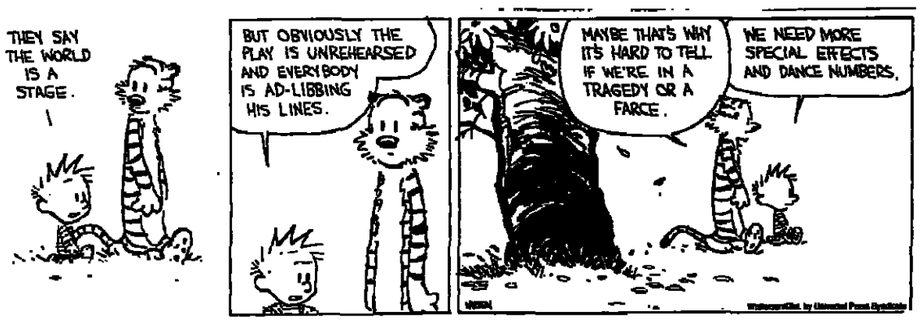
"We are not comfortable with this because it is taking place in a friendly country with whom we have a deep political and economic relationship," Nayef said.

"We respect all the laws and interests of any country but at the same time we value our own interests – and any activities against the government of Saudi Arabia will be a key element of our interests."

British news media said at the time that officials decided not to grant asylum to Masari, a 48-year-old professor of physics, because of pressure from the Saudi government.

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Relations with Japan

THAT it has taken over 40 years for Japan to normalize its diplomatic and commercial relations with Israel must be one of the strangest political phenomena of the post-World War II era. The two countries are, after all, dedicated democracies that, being poor in natural resources, share a passion for technology, science, and innovation. Collaboration and joint enterprises could have only been a boon to both.

Regrettably, Japan's single-minded preoccupation with commercial prosperity, and its belief that close relations with Israel would threaten regular supply of Middle Eastern oil and paralyze its industry, have militated against such normalization. Only now that the Japanese government has realized that the Arab boycott is not only immoral but ineffective, have relations assumed the shape they should have had for decades.

As head of the Israel-Japan Chamber of Commerce Elhanan Harel put it in Tokyo on Monday, Japan is "Israel's second most important economic target after the US." Japan, too, is taking Israel seriously. As one Japanese diplomat said recently, "It is our perception that Israel is bound to become a primary center of regional economic cooperation."

This perception is beginning to be reflected in deeds. Japan's mission in Israel now numbers 20 diplomats, which makes it larger than Tokyo's representations in Spain, Sweden, or New Zealand. In 1993, Israel's imports from Japan reached $1.05 billion, its exports to Japan $769 million. In the first nine months of 1994, exports to Japan rose 18 percent – to $681 million.

If, as Israel hopes, direct air links are established between the two countries – something Japan still opposes for "security reasons" – the increase in trade, tourism, and scientific exchanges should be dramatic. The agreements on cultural exchange and scientific and technological cooperation signed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Monday are just the beginning.

Nor is the connection confined to culture and science. Japan's interest in active involvement in the Middle East is growing. Despite fierce domestic opposition, it dispatched military personnel abroad – for the first time since the World War – to help the coalition forces in the Gulf War. The Japanese are also involved in the multilateral negotiations between Israel and some of its neighbors. Japan has participated in all five working groups (environment, which it chairs, economic development, refugee issues, arms control, and water). Tokyo has also pledged $200 million to the Palestinian Authority as this year's contribution.

So far so good. But there is a cloud hanging over this bright picture: Japan's relations with Iran. As in the boycott years, Japan's political conduct seems dictated by short-sighted, narrowly materialistic considerations. The terrorist-sponsoring regime in Teheran, involved in some of the most heinous crimes of recent years, receives generous credit from Japan. In fact, the Japanese funds are the only official money Iran is getting from G7 donors. Japan is also Iran's second largest trading partner after Germany. And it has assisted Iran in the construction various huge projects, including large hydroelectric power stations which Japan is financing with little Iranian participation.

According to Tokyo correspondent Mike Jacobs, Japan's reasons for granting Iran generous soft loans are complex. As one Japanese economist, who has been involved in relations with Iran for two decades, told Jacobs, "The Japanese still somehow feel that Iran is a major supplier of Japan's vital oil. However, the Iranian proportion of oil supply dropped from 37 percent in 1972 to below 10 percent a decade later and is even lower today.

"Japan also feels that by supporting the pragmatic politicians in Teheran economically, fundamentalist terrorism would be curtailed. They believe that being generous to Iran would secure future business opportunities, protect future repayment of Iranian debts to Japanese corporations, and ensure that no Iranian-backed terrorism would be directed against Japan."

But the bottom line is that Japanese taxpayers are supporting Teheran's terror-exporting regime. Ironically, no one opposes this more than the oil-producing Arab states, the very regimes whose threats had kept Japan from establishing closer relations with Israel. Bitterly complaining about Japan's help to Iran, they repeatedly point out that money flowing from Japan to Teheran allows the Iranians to devote more funds to military projects – including nuclear research – and foment militant Islamic activities against the moderate Arab regimes.

Earlier this year, when Rabin denounced Iran for funding terrorism, he also criticized Japan for funding Iran. In New York a few months ago, as Japan made its play for a seat on the Security Council, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed dissatisfaction to his counterpart, Yohei Kono, over continued Japanese aid to Iran, pointing out that every dollar received in Teheran frees one more dollar for funding some terrorist operation. During his visit to Tokyo this week, Rabin again asked for a reassessment of Japanese policies on Iran.

But Japan, apparently determined to let the prospects of short-term business gains dictate policy, has rejected all these Israeli pleas. As a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*, "In the real world, there are principles and there are pragmatic considerations – such as our bilateral friendship with Iran, which covers politics, economics, and the expansion of future opportunities." It is this kind of cynicism which Israel must keep in mind as relations with Japan develop.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, – Your columnist David Bar-Illan never bothered to speak to us before writing his *Eye on the Media* column of November 4 about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's documentary, "The Settlers," which aired on our program *The Fifth Estate*. Perhaps if he had, he would have avoided the distortions and errors of fact. (He even got the name of our journalist wrong – she is Hana Gartner, not Halla Gartner.)

The column insists we distorted the comments of Vicky Berglass, a settler in Neveh Aliza, and painted her as a "ferocious warmonger." On the contrary. Mrs. Berglass is quoted – accurately – no less than six times in our report. She describes why she and other North Americans came to settle the land "promised to us by God"; she explains why the settlers feel betrayed and abandoned by their government; she tells viewers that "thousands and thousands of people" are willing to contemplate civil disobedience; and she warns that Jews may "bring upon ourselves our own Holocaust" with Rabin's peace plans. She came across as an eloquent mother and activist.

Mr. Bar-Illan also criticizes us for

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devoting a section in our documentary to the Kahane Chai extremists. He may want to pretend these settlers don't exist, but to ignore them and their threats of violence would be journalistically irresponsible. Moreover, Mr. Bar-Illan neglects to tell his readers that we accurately put the Kahanists in context, describing them as a "small band of zealots" and stressing that "most Israelis" disagree with their ideology.

Finally, Mr. Bar-Illan concludes we are wrong to say that Canadian government policy is opposed to donations to the territories being tax deductible. He cites "US tax authorities." Wrong country – we're talking about Canada. And for our research on this question, we did extensive interviews with the Canadian ambassador to Israel and Revenue Canada officials. Mr. Bar-Illan may not like their interpretation of Canadian law, but we didn't make the regulations – we simply reported it accurately. That's our job.

We set out in our documentary to give Canadians a deeper understanding of the settlers' cause. To that end we even decided we would not give "equal time" to their critics from the peace movement or the Arab side. Instead, we would have settlers from various groups explain their positions.

As a result, our documentary received a good response from many viewers – including Jews in Canada on various sides of the debate.

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CBC-TV
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David Bar-Illan comments:

Gartner's name was given to me as Hana, but she pronounces it Halla on the program. If the settlers were given an opportunity to express their opinions on the program – and not have them distorted by juxtapositions and cuts – they must be terrible ingrates, for they feel their words were distorted beyond recognition. The point was not whether Canadian law permits spending charity money beyond the Green Line, but that the agenda of the program was to stop its flow.

Sir, – On purchasing a copy of *The Jerusalem Post* of December 2, I had two surprises. The first was the increase in the price of the newspaper, which makes it one of the most expensive papers in the world.

The second shock was far more unpleasant, and that was the atro-

OFFENSIVE PICTURE

ciously offensive picture which you published in startlingly large and detailed format on page 1 depicting the grief-stricken sister of the murdered soldier Liat Gabai at the victim's funeral. It is tragic enough for the family, and indeed the nation, grieves over the terrible murder. But I do not think that gives you the right to exhibit in such a crude manner the deep anguish of the family.

The bereaved family deserves an apology.

RABBI CHAIM PEARL
Jerusalem.

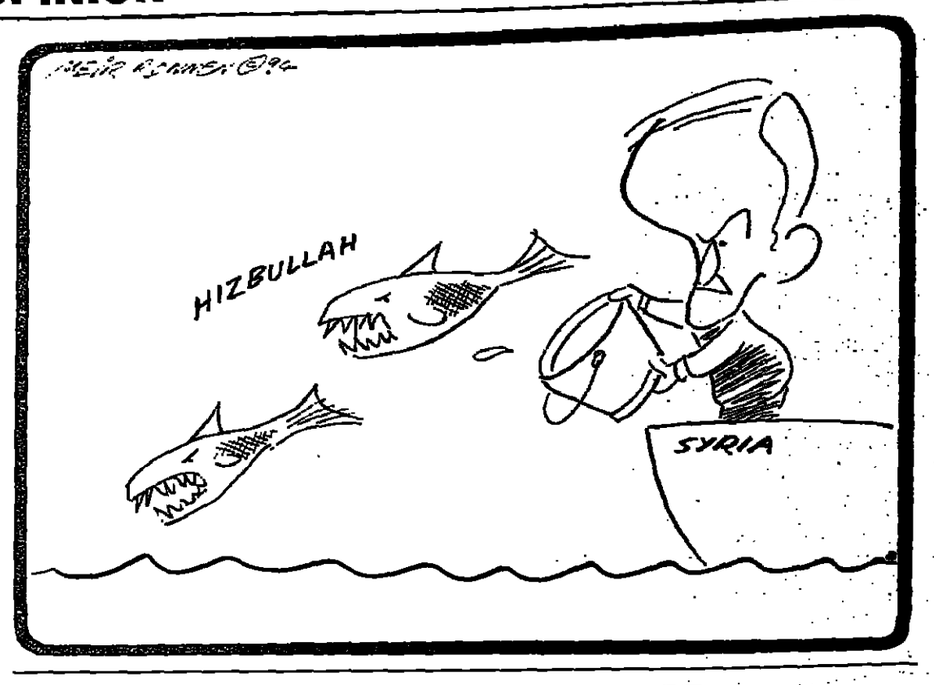
Sir, – I found myself in agreement with many of the positive and negative points in Liat Collins's report on her Petra trip (December 2), even though my group did not get the VIP treatment she enjoyed. Arkia did their best, and so did the Jordanians with whom they work; the apprehensions we may have felt about possible hostility evaporated quickly.

TRIP TO PETRA

Yet much room remains for improvement. We spent more time in border formalities than on site. The souvenirs are often overpriced, and the vendors too obtrusive. The fly-ridden Edom hotel I would give no more than two stars. The Beduin horsemen are no longer content with the two-dinar tips our guide told us to offer them. In general, Jordan, which charges hefty fees for entrance and exit, is not cheap.

On the other hand I was ashamed of being an Israeli when asked to exchange a tip in the form of an Israeli coin long out of circulation. How low can some people get?

AVRAHAM GREENBAUM
Jerusalem.



New chiefs' challenge

SHLOMO GAZIT

IN about two weeks, the new IDF leadership will be reporting for duty.

General Amnon Shahak will take the chief of staff's chair. General Matan Vilnai has already begun serving as deputy chief of staff. We all wish them great success in their jobs, for our sakes as well as theirs.

The appointments didn't come as any surprise to the people involved. They had ample time to formulate the plans of action needed to grapple with the challenges that lie ahead.

These, as usual, are enormous:

- responsibility for ongoing operations (a burden of complex and sensitive security issues under which any general in any other army in the world would collapse);
- preparing the IDF for the next war, in the hope that it will not come, and yet with the knowledge that only a state of total readiness can deter the enemy;
- and the usual struggle with the Treasury chiefs' recurring demands for economizing and cuts in defense budgets.

But the main test of the chief of staff and his deputy will not lie in these areas.

In a process that began during the Yom Kippur War, the IDF's credibility is gradually and continuously being gnawed away.

If this deterioration goes on unchecked, if the nation's trust in its army is not rebuilt, we shall find ourselves facing a highly dangerous situation. Only the absolute trust of the people in the army of the people can enable it to stand up to the challenges that lie ahead.

When it comes to armaments and equipment, in time of need the necessary budgets will be found. And the time will also be found for training and maneuvers.

The next IDF top brass will be judged by their ability to rebuild the army's credibility

But the IDF's credibility is a different matter.

THE GOOD intentions of the chief of staff and his deputy are not in question.

But mishaps have occurred, and will continue to occur. Even the best efforts will not prevent every training accident, every operational incident; nor will they be able to prevent corruption at the personal level or improper and insufferable treatment of the population in the territories, whether Jews or Palestinians.

The new appointees thus will not be tested by their ability to prevent occurrences of this kind, but by how quickly and how truthfully they report them, to the public, and by the measures they take to punish those concerned with the full rigor of the law.

Statements and declarations aren't enough. What will be needed is a clear policy throughout the entire military command, together with a strict enforcement of orders, without cover-ups, evasions or any attempt to conceal facts.

There is no doubt that this will entail daily effort, which can never be relaxed.

Yet from their first day on the job, it is in this area that the chief of staff and his deputy will be tested, by the Order of the Day they issue to the IDF and by the order of priorities they assume.

If they fail to act in this spirit, from the minute they take up their duties – on January 1, 1995 – the credit we are giving them will soon erode.

The new appointees will have 100 days of grace. We all hope they will use them to the full.

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If the Arabs mean peace

NACHUM L. RABINOVITCH

EVEN *The Jerusalem Post* occasionally falls prey to journalistic doublespeak, using loaded language which distorts and misleads.

An example appeared on page 3 of the December 2 edition, in a report about the ruling of a Jerusalem magistrate ordering former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendelevitch to stay away from the Temple Mount next Purim and Pessah.

The report tells about "the 10 Jews who tried to force their way onto the Temple Mount."

What actually happened?

On Hanukka, which commemorates the lasting attachment of Jews to the Temple Mount, Yosef Mendelevitch and several other pious Jews decided to ascend to Judaism's most sacred place. Having emptied their pockets of any objects which might conceivably be used as weapons, they proceeded to the Lions' Gate, which they found open and unattended.

Mindful of Jewish law, which allows access only to the periphery of the sacred precinct, they walked only five meters from the gate, and began to recite the *Hallel*, the Psalms prescribed for Hanukka.

Before long, two wildly gesticulating Arabs ran toward the group, yelling insults and curses.

Several dozen Wakf guards appeared and attacked the praying Jews, who offered no resistance. Mendelevitch was knocked to the ground.

Finally, several Israeli policemen turned up and pushed the Jews out of the gate.

Mendelevitch and his companions could have run away. But they preferred to stand and wait. Shortly after, the police came after them and arrested them for "suspicious" behavior.

Several days later, according to *The Jerusalem Post*, a judge ruled that, "although there is freedom of worship and movement in Jerusalem, this must yield when there is danger to public order."

A BRIEF review of the situation on the Temple Mount is in order.

After the wondrous victory of 1967, the Temple Mount came into Israel's possession. Quite to its surprise, the Wakf was granted complete authority not only over al-Aksa mosque, but over the entire area which was once the Temple and its courtyards.

When the victorious Maccabees regained the Temple Mount, they kindled the menora and instituted the celebration that we know as Hanukka. When the IDF repossessed the sacred site, the decision was taken to assuage the feelings of the defeated Arabs by letting them administer the mount.

The mufti and his associates know full well that many Jews

Their control of the Temple Mount offers them the opportunity to win Jewish sympathy

long to pray on the mount. They also know that this can never be a threat to Moslem rights there, because rabbinic law limits our access to narrow strips around the edges of the mount.

If the Arabs really want peaceful coexistence with us, their control of the Temple Mount offers them the best possible opportunity to win Jewish sympathy and achieve genuine peace.

The simple gesture of inviting Jews to pray on the mount (without trespassing on the mosque) would send the strongest possible message of a real desire for peace.

Instead, over the years, the Wakf has determinedly and consistently expelled Jews from the mount. And on many occasions, the muezzin of al-Aksa has used its loudspeakers to incite Moslems to riot.

Successive Israeli police commanders and judges have acquiesced in and encouraged Arab violence by refusing to enforce the most minimal Jewish right to worship on hallowed ground.

The mere presence of Jews is deemed a provocation. Consequently, even the most respectful Jewish pilgrim is said to have "forced his way" in.

We are told Arafat can't be held to his undertaking to renounce the PLO Covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, because a majority of the PLO Council is abroad. We are told that he can't be expected to eliminate terror because he doesn't enjoy complete supremacy in Gaza and Jericho. And he can't exercise authority to disarm Hamas et al. because he has no money to solve the Palestinians' problems.

Yet the Arabs do reign on the Temple Mount, and Arafat has appointed a mufti there. Moreover, the Wakf is never short of money.

With just a little goodwill, they could prove to us that peace matters to them. But will they?

The writer is head of Birkat Moshe, the hesder yeshiva in Ma'ale Adumim.

POSTSCRIPT

A SHOPLIFTER with an affection for cheese was caught again after stealing gouda and cheddar from a Johannesburg store.

Cleopas Ntima, 36, told police that although he paid for other groceries, "voices" told him to swipe cheese. It was the sixth time he has been caught.

A POLISH man cut off his friend's head with an axe while playing a game of dare after a drinking spree.

The incident occured after four friends got drunk. First, 41-year-old Franciszek Z. put his hand on a wooden block and told his friends he was ready to have it cut off to prove how tough he was. None of them reacted.

But when 30-year-old Krzysztof A. put his head on the block to prove how tough he was, Franciszek Z. chopped it off. Krzysztof won the challenge. The body was then buried but Franciszek was later arrested.

"It was a kind of contest," a prosecutor explained.

Rwanda repeat

KATHI AUSTIN

Rwanda is about to plunge back into yet another human disaster.

The Hutu leaders of the defeated Rwandan military are preparing to invade their country and retake power – all the while claiming refugee status under the mantle of the UN.

The Hutu officers were ousted by Tutsi rebels last spring after perpetrating one of the world's most organized genocidal campaigns that killed nearly half a million people in a few weeks.

The haunting images of this summer – the sight of hundreds of thousands of desperate Rwandan refugees pouring over the border into Zaire – brought home to the world the death, disease, starvation and misery that this conflict has wrought.

But during a recent 10-week trip to central Africa, I saw a different kind of refugee: former Hutu military and militiamen, plucked from the nightmare in Rwanda by French military forces, protected by Zairean security forces inside military camps, fed and supplied by the UN.

Hutus bent on revenge are preparing another round of bloodshed

Now they are smiling, well fed and well rested. They wear freshly laundered uniforms, dance to blaring radios and lounge with their families.

They are open about their plans to launch a renewed offensive against the Tutsi-led government in their homeland.

Eliezer Niyitegeka, minister of information in the former Hutu government, now living in Zaire, says, "Yes, we have our big weapons, we even have our helicopters. We will use them. And when we get enough munitions, we will go back there, to Rwanda."

Jean Kambanda, the former prime minister also living in Zaire, says much the same thing. They are sitting poolside, at the exclusive Riviera Hotel in the city of Bukavu in eastern Zaire, orchestrating their campaign for a return to war.

THE TRAGEDY is that another round of bloodshed in Rwanda is being made possible in part by the huge humanitarian-relief program launched last spring. Nearly $1.5 billion dollars from the international community has gone toward supporting a massive refugee-relief operation. Though well intentioned, that money is now helping the defeated Hutu army regroup.

Meanwhile, not a dime of foreign aid has been given to the new Rwandan government, neither for the reconstruction nor the protection of this newly recognized UN member state.

The new Rwandan government, dominated by Tutsis, accuses the French of blocking aid from other European countries as well as preventing the arrest of leaders of the genocide. The French have provided military and financial backing for the former Hutu-led Rwandan military regime since 1990. Even the genocide of the Tutsi minority did not shatter the French-Hutu alliance.

The French did little for the refugees seeking to escape the Hutu reign of terror last April and May. But they did provide effective cover and transportation for the escape to Zaire of many former extremist leaders, the army, the gendarmes and the militiamen who had participated in the slaughter.

Zaire, a country without an effective government, is ruled by one of the world's more corrupt and ruthless dictators, Mobutu Sese Seko. Zairean forces are now training the Hutu soldiers, according to Tadele Slassie, the UN military commander in the region.

The new Rwandan government needs to rebuild the country and prevent destabilization and fomenting of war. The former Rwandan extremist leaders, militiamen and army elements, secure in UN camps, are preventing them. The longer they succeed, the more likely that terror will return to Rwanda.

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They jumped, swam and ran to their identity

Sports is the hook drawing youngsters around the world to Judaism and Zionism, Esther Hecht reports



Bulgarian youngsters participate in Maccabi's torch relay ceremony in Sofia last year.



Svetlana Nikituk (right), one of 40 members of Maccabi from the CIS here for a leadership training seminar this week, thinks it's important to marry a Jew.

WHEN Svetlana Nikituk talks about being Jewish in Russia, she bubbles. She uses the words "happy" and "friendly" again and again.

She knows Jewish history has been filled with suffering, but for her the experiences, especially of the past year, have all been positive.

Nikituk, 21, is a senior at St. Petersburg's Pedagogical University, majoring in language and literature, and she loves to swim. Her mother, an engineer, is Jewish. Her father, a retired army officer, is not.

Last year, she says in fluent English, she began attending the pool and concerts offered by the Maccabi World Union. Through the organization she made many friends – even met a boyfriend.

By the summer, she decided to take a month-long preparatory course so she could be a counselor at a Maccabi camp in St. Petersburg. This week she was one of 40 youngsters from the CIS brought here for a 2½-week leadership training course.

Now Nikituk sees Judaism as part of her future. "I think it is important to marry someone Jewish," she says, and she already has ideas about how she would like to educate the children she hopes to have someday. "They must know about Jewish holidays and traditions and history." And, she adds, she would like to visit Israel again.

Through sports and cultural activities, Maccabi is now trying to strengthen the Jewish and Zionist identity of its 350,000 members in 45 countries. Last weekend the organization celebrated in Istanbul the 100th anniversary of the founding of its first club.

Maccabi came into being as a response to antisemitism. When, in January 1895, a German member of the Istanbul sports club objected to the selection of a Jewish coach, the Jewish members walked out and formed the first all-Jewish gymnastic club.

Following the Second Zionist Congress in Basel in 1898, at which Dr. Max Nordau made a plea for a "muscular Judaism," many more clubs were organized, banding together as the Maccabi World Union in 1921.

Today, sports is a natural drawing card for Jewish youth, especially in the CIS and Eastern Europe, according to Ilan Egozi, head of fund-raising and project development for MWU, whose main office is in Ramat Gan.

The Maccabiah, held in Israel every four years since 1932, is the "Jewish Olympics" for which the organization is best known. But this is only part of the picture.

"The idea is not just to create outstanding athletes," Egozi says. The principle is simple: "You grab them [with sports] and then you educate them," he says.

This summer, for example, Maccabi attracted 250 children to five camps in the CIS. With the Jewish Agency, the organization has set up an educational center in the town of Maccabim, though more funds are needed for it to be used fully.

FOR YOURI Alkalay Jr., 35, who drove from Sofia to Istanbul to attend the 100th anniversary celebration, the link was baseball, which he introduced to Bulgaria.

"In 1986 I was in Cuba visiting my mother who was a teacher there, and I saw my first baseball game," says Alkalay, today an engineer.

He was already an accomplished tennis player, and got his fellow athletes to join a team. Today there are 40 baseball clubs in Bulgaria.

Maccabi tapped Alkalay's dynamism to help reestablish the organization in Bulgaria where – as in other countries – it shut down during World War II. Now he is chairman of Maccabi Bulgaria.

Like Nikituk, Alkalay looks to the future: "I will give my children love for Israel as a country, and something connected to [Jewish] tradition."

Neither Nikituk nor Alkalay, despite their strong feelings for Israel, express any interest in living here. Though the organization tries to help members who decide to come here, aliya is not its primary goal, according to Egozi. Nevertheless, many participants in the Maccabiah games have decided to come here to live, among them basketball luminary Tal Brody.

Aliya was the outcome, too, for basketball player David Grun, 23, as it was for many of his friends in Antwerp. His home and school were Zionist. "I learned to write Hebrew [at the Tachkemoni school] before I learned to write *loazit* [Latin characters]," he says in perfect Hebrew.

At 18 he came here to study at the Hebrew University. Now he is studying for an MBA at Tel Aviv University, while working as a management consultant at Ya'ad Business Developments Ltd.

Though in Europe Maccabi's main expression is in sports, Grun sees the organization as "culture before sport."

"In Eastern Europe, Maccabi was the only Jewish alternative to Habad," he explains.

Now that he is here, Grun finds one thing peculiar: "Judaism is not something foreign to me, [but] my [secular Israeli] roommates found Hanukka candlelighting as something exotic. If anything bothers me in Israel, it's the [lack of] relation to the Jewish heritage."

In Istanbul, they marked 100 years

WHEN Maccabi World Union leaders in Israel proposed celebrating the organization's 100th anniversary in Istanbul, the Jewish community there hesitated, says Eyal Tiberger, secretary-general of MWU.

Despite Turkey's long history of hospitality to the Jews, the community today is wary of exposure in a country that is 99 percent Moslem.

In 1986, 23 congregants at Neveh Shalom Synagogue were murdered during a terrorist attack. In March 1992, after the synagogue was rebuilt, a grenade was thrown at it, wounding a passerby.

"They were afraid to anger the locals," Tiberger says. Only after the event received the blessing of the authorities did the Jewish community give the go-ahead.

In the end, 700 people attended the gala "Beacon of Peace" event on the seventh night of Hanukka. They were marking the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first all-Jewish gymnastics club, in that city, as well as the revival of Maccabi in Turkey, where it had been dormant for decades.

About 100 people who wanted to attend had to be turned away. The event gave the community a shot in the arm, Tiberger says; now there seems to be an "insurance policy" – or official sanction – for even more Jewish activity.

Despite the community's concern about possible consequences of the event, many of its members are fierce about their identity.

Rosy Anter believes she's done right by her sons. She's given them the best educational opportunities and a strong feeling of Jewish identity.

Anter speaks with pride of her elder son Nedim, 22, who is studying finance at Boston University.

Both Nedim, and his 20-year-old brother Metin, who is also studying in the US, "have something inside [that makes them feel] they are Jewish. Someday they will work for something Jewish."

That something has to do with their parents' involvement in the Jewish community. Anter, 45, founded the Pink Angels, a group of volunteers that helps care for elderly patients at Or Ahayim Hospital. Her husband, Rifat, is secretary of Maccabi in Istanbul.

Soli Goldstayn, 46, gave her children a sense of Jewish belonging through their affiliation with Maccabi sports clubs, and by taking them to spend their summers on Prince's Island, a local resort area where they would be sure to be among Jews. It was there her daughter, Malka, found a Jewish husband.

Her son, Murat, 20, is also studying in the US. He played tennis in Maccabi, participating in games in France and in Israel.

E.H.

Thousands face prosecution for genocide in Ethiopia

Trials for crimes against humanity will be backed by a feature reminiscent of the Nazi era: detailed records kept by mass murderers, John Balzar writes

THEY killed, tortured, despoiled and terrorized an ancient country – and wrote it all down. In ghastly detail. They affixed their signatures and stamped the official seal to their 17 years of tyranny and filed it away. Then they lost a civil war.

Now, their deeds are counted on 309,215 pages, which become court evidence as the new government of Ethiopia yesterday commenced prosecution of 3,400 officials of the former Communist regime on charges of "crimes against humanity" and a roll-call of other malefactions.

With the help of the American Bar Association and governments on three continents, Ethiopia believes it is undertaking the largest, most richly documented trial of systematic government genocide since World War II.

The total number of victims could exceed 100,000. The number of ready witnesses could reach 10,000. The charges against *the first string* of defendants consume 296 leather-bound pages and require a full day to read aloud. About 1,300 men are in custody; 1,100 are out on bail. The remainder have fled and are being sought. The process could last years.

Unique among the accusations is that the government of exiled president Mengistu Haile Mariam withheld and manipulated food aid in one of Ethiopia's periodic droughts, thereby employing the cruelty of famine as a weapon to suppress dissent.

The trials are probably the ending chapter of the last hard-line government to rise under sponsorship of the former Soviet Union.

All across the exhausted, impoverished and struggling nation, Ethiopians are transfixed and wishing for catharsis. They hope, too, that in this improbable place, the world will find a precedent for the trials of human rights atrocities in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I never thought this day would come true," said Tsadle Wodajo, 58, a mother who lost a 20-year-old son to the former rulers they call the "Dergue," or "the shadow."

In her mud-and-straw home in a village in central Ethiopia, she recalled a police lieutenant warning her not to mourn her boy's 1978 execution, because that itself would be a counter-revolutionary crime and she would be imprisoned. So she held a wake quietly in the dark of night and fed the leftover ceremonial bread to her dogs to hide the evidence of her grief.

Terefe Atomsa, 73, also lost a son. In his cracked, yellowed block house outside Addis Ababa, among flowering jacarandas and fragrant eucalyptus, he recalls seeing a pile of corpses left on a bridge for all to witness. It was the government's way of warning political opponents.

Terefe said he was afraid to claim the body of his 19-year-old son, recalling, "They would have made me pay for the bullets used to kill him."

MEANWHILE, in the heart of the city, at the prison named Alem Bekayne – "the end of the line" – the gates were opened last week for two American reporters to enter a two-storey octagon blockhouse.

Here, 420 defendants, including top officials of the accused Mengistu government, lounge in the warm sun, play Ping-Pong, study auto mechanics and wait for their turn in the dock and their chance to answer for an epoch that Ethiopians call "The Red Terror."

The rooms offer courtyard balconies, a shaded square, running water and plenty of books, games and clean clothing. Many Ethiopians might find it strange to know the prisoners live better than millions of ordinary citizens in this, the second poorest nation in Africa, a country where 40 percent of its 55 million people have no work and where every street corner teems with beggars.

The first defendants to go on trial and those facing the most serious genocide charges are 66 men – 45 in custody, the others, including the exiled Mengistu, being prosecuted in absentia. All face death by hanging, if convicted.

How detailed is the evidence against the accused? "We have minutes of meetings in which it is stated, 'We hereby agree that revolutionary measures be taken against A, B and C.' In this context you should know, revolutionary measure was a synonym for execution," said Abraham Tsegaye, of the Ethiopia Special Prosecutor's Office.

"These documents," he added, "specify where the executions should occur, whether in a marketplace before the public or in prison or at the victim's home.... And we have documents in which it is reported back things like, 'I hereby confirm that your order for the execution of A, B and C was carried out in the presence of comrade so-and-so and comrade so-and-so.'"

Prosecutors also assert that the meticulous bureaucrats of the Mengistu government left behind tape-recordings of torture sessions. There are known to be repositories of skeletons. Reports circulate widely that prosecutors have gory photographs and even videotapes of tortures and executions. "This was a campaign of annihilation against all political groups and individuals suspected of being counter-revolutionaries," said Tsegaye.

THESE TRIALS and these prisoners are the legacy of a brutal civil war rooted in the Cold War politics of the 1970s.

After 50 years under Emperor Haile Selassie, a dissipated Ethiopia fell to a military coup in 1974. For a moment, Ethiopia thought it saw a spark of economic revival.

The new rulers, searching for a way to control their people, soon moved into the Soviet orbit with its ideology of class struggle. They fashioned perhaps the most rigidly Marxist society in Africa. According to the special prosecutor, the government systematically executed hundreds of students on a single day to forestall a street demonstration. Another 600,000 Ethiopians were forcibly relocated. Billions of dollars in aid were spent enlarging the army from 50,000 troops to 500,000.

And the outside world paid hardly any attention.

But ethnic dissent in several rural regions could not be crushed, despite the iron boot of terror, and the situation disintegrated into civil war in the 1980s.

A united opposition army took the capital of Addis Ababa and the country in 1991, and Mengistu fled to Zimbabwe. A new government, part socialist and part free-market, emerged under interim President Meles Zenawi.

The genocide trials, says Addis Ababa Police Commissioner Hassen Shiffa, "are the first happiness the people have had.... Maybe they can recreate some confidence in government. The lesson is this: Rulers may be arrogant and kill, but one day they will have to come to court and answer."

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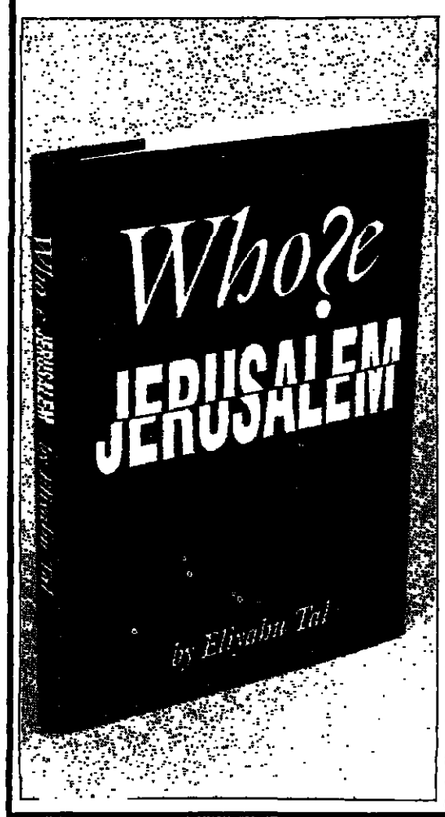
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Mekorot, Japanese firm sign $50m. energy deal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MEKOROT, the national water company, and Tomen, one of Japan's leading multinational companies, yesterday signed an agreement to invest $50 million in two desalination and energy projects in the region.

The companies plan to establish a sea water desalination and energy producing unit to supply Eilat and Akaba.

The companies also plan to establish a water desalination unit for salt water springs in the Kinneret.

Mekorot said the units are expected to supply about 30 cubic meters of water. Ten million cubic meters will be given to Jordan in the framework of the peace agreement.

Mekorot and Tomen have an equal partnership in the investment.

The agreement was signed several months after the Japanese company initiated negotiations. Mekorot chairman Sar-Shalom Shiran and temporary managing director Ovadia Ella signed the agreement with one of Tomen's five senior directors.

Tomen, with more than 100 branches in 60 countries, is involved in many fields of activity and projects. The company's annual business is some $70 billion.

The companies plan to set up soon a joint committee to prepare a feasibility study for the projects' implementation.

"This is the first time a Japanese company of this size has signed an equal partnership agreement with an Israeli firm," Shiran said.

Mekorot and Tomen plan to work with Israel Electric Corp. and IDE Technologies, a company involved in the sea water desalination and water treatment industry, Shiran said.

Gov't okays foreign production of InterPharm's interferon

JOSE ROSENFELD

INDUSTRY and Trade Ministry Chief Scientist Yehoshua Gleitman yesterday approved in principle the manufacture abroad of InterPharm's recombinant beta interferon by its Swiss-based parent Ares Serono.

The foreign production of the drug – which was developed by InterPharm with support from the Office of the Chief Scientist, in partnership with the Weizmann Institute – required the approval of a research committee headed by Gleitman.

Ares Serono's request to produce the drug abroad has been caught in a crossfire from minority shareholders opposing Ares Serono's tender offer for all outstanding InterPharm shares.

The shareholders asked the Tel Aviv District Court to issue an injunction against the committee to prevent it from holding deliberations on Ares Serono's request, claiming that by taking the production of recombinant beta interferon abroad, InterPharm would be despoiled of millions of dollars in sales.

Tel Aviv District Court President Judge Eliyahu Winograd rejected the shareholders' request and allowed the committee to consider the request.

The committee approved the request after it received an extensive survey which included the business, technological and legal aspects of foreign production.

Gleitman said the approval is conditioned on InterPharm keeping exclusive production rights until 1997.

Thereafter, InterPharm will be guaranteed the right to produce the drug at full capacity and at no less than 50 percent of its overall production capacity.

The committee further stipulated that its approval was conditioned on the final outcome of the shareholders' suit against Ares Serono next month.

Gleitman explained that the committee did not want to prejudge the outcome of the legal proceedings.

Regarding the issue of whether Ares Serono has taken out technology developed in Israel without permission, "it is still under investigation," Gleitman said.

Bezek asks Aloni for help in talks with Cellcom

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK yesterday asked Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni to intervene in its negotiations with Cellcom, which will soon provide cellular phone service in competition with Bezek/Motorola's Pelephone.

The request followed Cellcom's refusal to pay Bezek for use of its infrastructure.

Bezek said it agreed to all of Cellcom's technical demands.

Bezek also said it "made attractive offers of prices based on Bezek rates, while Cellcom demands basing the negotiations on an analysis of Bezek's costs, which is completely unacceptable to us."

As a result of this dispute, negotiations between the two were abruptly halted.

Bezek explained that because of the existing rate structure, the company's regular rates subsidize the service fee, and if Bezek "sells" calls to Cellcom at a rate lower than its own subscribers pay, Cellcom would enjoy an "unfair advantage."

Bezek said it would halt technical experiments of Cellcom's linkages to Bezek infrastructure, which were supposed to be completed soon, if no progress is made in negotiations.

Vegetable prices fall in last two weeks

Vegetable Board head: Tomato shortage to last until March

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

FRUIT and vegetable prices have declined over the last two weeks, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said yesterday in an attempt to calm down the public before the publication of the Consumer Price Index tomorrow.

However, Vegetable Board managing director Efraim Shalom predicted the market will continue to suffer from a shortage in tomatoes until March.

The cucumber shortage is expected to continue for another month.

Shalom said the rise in vegetable prices over the last several months is far above the shortage in supply.

"Today, there is a 30 percent shortage of tomatoes, compared with an average daily supply of 500 tons," he said. "The shortage has resulted in a 180% jump in prices. The cucumber shortage is about 40%. The market also suffers from a shortage of peppers and aubergines. We solved the pepper problem by putting a stop to exports and selling all produce on the local market.

Shalom said onion prices have fallen to NIS 1.5 per kilo this week from NIS 3 last week. He attributed the decline to an agreement by farmers to pick onions before they are ripe.

Tsur said the ministry has implemented a number of measures to relieve the vegetable shortage, including unrestricted import of certain types of fruit and vegetables and the sale of export-oriented vegetables on the local market.

The ministry has also opened its markets to agricultural products from the territories.

Tsur said the public continues to buy large quantities of vegetables despite the high prices.

"Prices will remain high as long as the public is willing to pay," Tsur said. "If the market wants relatively stable vegetable and fruit prices all year, the public must realize the importance of looking after and protecting local farmers. Farmers must be able to maintain a standard of living which will encourage them to remain farmers."



Tsur: Prices will remain high as long as the public is willing to pay. (Uzi Keren)

First round of talks completed with Canada on FTA deal

JOSE ROSENFELD

ISRAEL and Canada have completed the first round of talks aimed at reaching a free trade area agreement, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday.

Israel wants a free trade agreement with Canada to minimize the negative impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on Israeli exports to Canada.

Ministry officials said the government has also turned to Mexico, asking to establish a free trade area between the countries.

Ministry Foreign Trade Administration director Zohar Peri explained that NAFTA allows US companies to export their goods duty-free to Canada, making it difficult for Israeli firms to compete against their US competitors.

Ministry negotiators said Israel is ready to exempt all Canadian industrial exports from customs in return for the same treatment for Israeli exports.

The principal problem the sides are facing is the level of protection agricultural products will be afforded.

The Canadians are willing to open their market to Israeli agricultural imports, with limited exceptions, if Israel will do the same.

Israeli negotiators presented their counterparts with a list of problematic products – including fruits, fish, edible oil, cereals, poultry and milk products, which will require a special agreement.

In addition, the sides will have to settle the tariff levels on other agricultural products in the framework of the Uruguay Round world trade agreement.

Peri said the sides were not far apart, and he expects an agreement to be signed next year.

The negotiations were led by Canadian Foreign Trade Ministry official Kevin Gore and Peri, who headed an interministerial committee that included representatives from the Foreign, Agriculture, and Finance ministries and from the Customs Authority.

Trade between the two countries was $200 million in 1993.

During the first half of this year, Israeli exports to Canada fell five percent to $47m., consisting mainly of precious stones and metals, machinery and equipment and agricultural and food products.

By contrast, imports from Canada jumped 33% to $66.4m., and were concentrated in the areas of machinery and equipment, metals, paper and cardboard.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bill to regulate petrochemical industry: The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday approved a bill to establish a local industrial council for the refineries and other petrochemical industries of the Haifa area.

The bill, proposed by Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, would apply the country's laws to the areas occupied by the industries, which have enjoyed extraterritorial status under the 1938 Anglo-Iranian petroleum agreement. If the bill passes, the 4,000-dunam area would be subject to appropriate environmental legislation.

The committee also approved a proposal by chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) that would allot 25 percent of the new council's tax revenues for an environmental education fund.

Bauman-Bar-Rivnai ad agency signs deal with Bates: The Bauman-Bar-Rivnai ad agency yesterday announced it has signed an affiliation agreement with the Bates agency, part of the international Saachi and Saachi group, whose turnover is some $10 billion. Bates acquired a first option to purchase shares in the local agency.

Nesher workers go on strike: Workers at the three Nesher plaster factories went on strike yesterday, demanding that management negotiate a wage hike. Nesher management expressed surprise at the move, saying current wage agreements don't expire until March, 1996.

Several months ago, with the opening of a new $180 million production line, Nesher workers appealed to management for a wage rise. Management said at the time that the new line would increase work places and improve working conditions.

Nakash Bros. try to obligate Ofer Bros. to share purchase: Nakash Brothers Realty (NBR) are trying to obligate Ofer Brothers to a $11.3 million share purchase. Ofer Brothers has received a letter from NBR requesting that subsidiary Ofer Properties purchase shares held by NBR in Coral Beach Eilat, in accordance with the terms of put share options which were part of a purchase last year of 50.1% outstanding shares in Coral Beach.

IBM halts shipments of Pentium-based PCs

NEW YORK (Reuter) – IBM announced it halted shipments of personal computers made with the advanced Pentium chip, sparking a dispute with chipmaker Intel Corp. over just how bad the flaw was in the brains of the high-powered PCs.

International Business Machines Corp. said on Monday the bug in the Pentium could affect everyday business accounting calculations. Intel said the flaw would affect only scientific or advanced mathematics.

IBM's statement was a red flag for PC shoppers in the key Christmas selling season who may be about to upgrade their systems to the Pentium – the most advanced PC system on the market.

"This is going to cause customers to think twice before buying Pentium," said Sam Albert, a Scarsdale, New York-based computer consultant.

The chips are the center of the PC, its brains for calculations, word processing and other functions. IBM, the largest computer maker in the world, said it would replace any faulty chips for free – a promise Intel also made.

Facing a public relations crisis over the chips, Intel called the IBM action "unwarranted" and said tests could be created to force the error to occur.

The controversy flared against the backdrop of the major competition between IBM and Intel, two of the biggest forces in the PC world.

"You can always contrive situations that force this error," said Intel President and CEO Andrew Grove. "In other words, if you know where a meteor will land, you can go there and get hit."

IBM sells far fewer Pentium-based computers than do mail-order PC maker Dell Computer Corp. and Compaq Corp., both of which suffered from investor selling as well.

The problem is a dramatic setback for Intel, whose chips power 80 percent of the PCs in use. It has brought out upgrades in its line of PC chips for years without incident.

Problems with this chip first surfaced on the Internet, the global web of computer networks, although Intel had known about it for months.

Fired Oslo stock exchange director found drowned

OSLO (Reuter) – The director of the Oslo stock exchange has been found dead a day after he was fired from his job because of alleged financial irregularities, the bourse said yesterday.

It gave no cause for the death of Erik Jarve, 50, whom it had sacked for allegedly mixing his "private economy and the economy of the bourse".

Jarve was appointed to head the exchange in 1977, and was the public face of the bourse for two decades.

The Norwegian news agency NTB quoted police as saying Jarve was found drowned in a lake near his summer house in the southern province of Telemark at 1:25 a.m. It offered no further details.

"The Oslo Bourse has with deep sorrow received the message that bourse director Erik Jarve died during the night", a terse bourse statement said.

It said trading would not be discontinued but a 15-minute ceremony of remembrance would be held. Brokers were asked to reduce business during that time.

The bourse statement praised Jarve's "outstanding work for the Oslo bourse and the Norwegian equities market in the past 25 years."

New Arab, European companies springing up in autonomous areas since start of self-rule

SOME 1,000 new companies have been founded in Gaza and Jericho since self-rule went into effect in May, representing nearly a third of all the firms located in the territories, according to the London-based *Al Wasat* newspaper.

Mohammed Alkawa, the head of the Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, told the paper that the firms had been opened by Palestinian, Jordanian, and European entrepreneurs, and he expected several thousand businesses to be open by the end of the year.

This reflected the business community's desire to participate in the expected economic growth in the territories, he said.

The newspaper reported, however, that a visit to Gaza shows there is more preparation for economic growth than actual growth. Stores still only carry essential items, and local workers say Israel still controls most foreign trade.

While Jordanian banks are eager to reopen their branches in the territories, only Palestinian banks are opening, and they are primarily engaged in changing money that has been sent home by Palestinians working abroad.

(Itim)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (14.12.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.625	6.125	6.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	5.375	6.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.500	4.500	4.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.250	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (13.12.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3230	3.3690	—	—	3.3479
U.S. dollar	2.9930	3.0352	2.94	3.06	3.0160
German mark	1.9039	1.9306	1.87	1.96	1.9187
Pound sterling	4.6796	4.7455	4.59	4.80	4.7178
French franc	0.5528	0.5606	0.53	0.57	0.5571
Japanese yen (100)	2.9870	3.0291	2.93	3.07	3.0086
Dutch florin	1.6996	1.7236	1.67	1.75	1.7129
Swiss franc	2.2445	2.2761	2.20	2.31	2.2555
Swedish krona	0.3972	0.4028	0.39	0.41	0.4002
Norwegian krone	0.4363	0.4424	0.43	0.45	0.4394
Danish krone	0.4855	0.4823	0.48	0.50	0.4892
Finnish mark	0.6111	0.6197	0.60	0.63	0.6173
Canadian dollar	2.1551	2.1855	2.12	2.22	2.1733
Australian dollar	2.3226	2.3553	2.28	2.38	2.3400
S. African rand	0.8399	0.8517	0.74	0.86	0.8483
Belgian franc (10)	0.9258	0.9388	0.91	0.95	0.9329
Austrian schilling (10)	2.6994	2.7375	2.65	2.78	2.7260
Italian lira (1000)	1.8278	1.8536	1.79	1.89	1.8424
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.18	4.42	4.2676
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.9500
ECU	3.8290	3.8802	—	—	3.8572
Irish punt	4.6082	4.6712	4.50	4.76	4.6460
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2691	2.3011	2.21	2.36	2.2872

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0160	- 0.20%
Sterling	NIS 4.7178	+ 0.14%
Mark	NIS 1.9187	+ 0.23%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3721.39	+3.02
DJ Transport	1373.76	-7.21
DJ Utils	181.86	+0.33
DJ Comp	1232.05	-1.08
NYSE Industr	309.68	+0.47
NYSE Transport	213.03	-0.26
NYSE Comp	245.84	+0.68
S&P 100	420.89	+1.13
S&P Spot Index	450.82	+1.35
AMEX Comp	419.98	-0.84

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+700	1212	1028
Volume up (in 1000's)			144203
Volume down (in 1000's)			93804

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2948.4	+3
Tokyo Nikkei average	18875.4	-99.7
Singapore all-shares index	506.84	-0.71
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7849.75	+141.97
Israel Index	99.39	+0.85

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pep	42.75	+1
Ampal A	6.625	-0.125
Aryt	1.625	0
BioTechnology	2.625	-0.25
Comrad Cord	6	0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.3125	0
Elscint	1.75	+0
Etz Lavud	7.625	+0.125
Etz Lavud A	8.625	+0.125
Lasar T.	4.75	0
PEC	25.25	+0.25
Tadiran	18.625	+0.25
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	7.875	+0.375
4TH Dimension	4.5	+0
Ampal 6.5	18.5	+0
BVR	4.625	-0.25
Comverse	11.5	-0.375
Data (Delorme)	5.125	-0.125
ECI	12.375	-0.25
Edunetics	1.375	+0.125
Edu-Solv	6.875	-0.125
Electric Fuel	8.5	-0.375
EFRI	25.9875	+0.1875
Elbit	19	+0
Elron	8.5	-0.375
Eshed Robotec	0.5	0
Fibronix	0.92	+0.045
IA. Systems	3.5625	-0.3125
Gilat	13.625	-0.125
ISG	1.875	+0.25
Geotek	8.125	+0.0625
Health Tech	1.5625	-0.0625
Idan	0.3125	-0.03125
IIS	2.5625	+0
Indigo	15.125	-0.375
Interpharm	17	0
Isramco	1.25	+0
First Isr Fund	11.625	-0.125
Isrek	0.40625	+0.0625
Lannet	16.625	+1.625
Lanoptics	5.625	+0
Magal	3.25	0
Medis-Al	1.75	+0
Mercury	11.25	+0.25
Magic	4.96875	+0.21875
Orbotech	7.875	-0.125
Orbop Tech	1.625	0
Radx	3.25	-0.09375
Robomatics	0.5	0
Saplens	1.9375	+0.125
Scitex	17.375	+0.125
Silicon	3	-0.25
T.A.T. Technol	2.375	+0
Taro Vit	6.5625	+0.125
Teledesa	5.25	-0.375
Telegraph	2.625	-0.125
Teva	28.375	+0
TVG	1	0

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5594	-0.0051
	Dec.future (CME)	1.56	-0.0044
D-mark:	spot	1.5715	-0.0013
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6367	+0.0011
S-franc:	spot	1.3284	-0.0051
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7530	+0.0030
Yen:	spot	100.19	+0.22
	Dec.future (CME)	0.00998	-1.2e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3888	-0.0009
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7207	-0.0003
AusDlr:	spot	0.7748	+0.0021
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7747	+0.0013
F-franc:	spot	5.4147	+0.0007
It Lira:	spot	1638	-0.5
Nig:	spot	1.7695	-0.0039
AusSing:	spot	11.0725	-0.01
Rand:	spot	3.5575	+0.004
ECU:	spot	1.2123	+0.0001
Bonds	future	100.031	+0.656
S and P	future	451.5	+1.35

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.4375	0
Dollar	6 months	6.5875	+0.0625
Dollar	12 months	7.6875	+0.125
Sterling	3 months	6.5	+0.0625
Sterling	6 months	7.0625	0
Sterling	12 months	7.8125	0
S-franc	3 months	4.25	+0.0625
S-franc	6 months	4.5	0
S-franc	12 months	4.8125	+0.0625
D-mark	3 months	5.625	0
D-mark	6 months	5.6875	+0.125
D-mark	12 months	6	+0.125
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.5	0
Yen	12 months	2.8875	0

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1217	-14
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	153.5	-12.2
Sugar no.11 (Mar.) (CEC)	14.71	+0.3
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	386	-8.25
Soybeans(Jan)(CBOT)	563.5	-1
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	109.85	+1.35
Crude oil light (Mar)(CEC)	17.02	+0.01

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	825	-3
Coffee (Jan) (LCE)	2695	-128
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1589	+1

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold	spot	377.85	+0.45
Silver	spot	4.77	-0.01

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	380.3	-0
Silver (Mar)	4.79	-0.037
Platinum (Jan.)	409.6	-0.2
Palladium (Mar)	155.6	-0.85
High-grade copper (Mar)	1.3215	-0.009

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	378.7	+1.85
Gold PM fix	379.1	+1.85
Silver fix	481.3	+8.5
Platinum PM fix	411.25	+3.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FestinW2	2159	
General	6238	2.5
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MarkC		
OHH	181.00	4.9
Trade	142694	5.0
TradeC	691	
	173.00	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	323727	4.0
Carmel	696	
CarmlCp2	275	
DevMB3	18814	2.3
FirstMB	39846	1.5
IndepMB	66616	1.5
J IssC	132.00	1.5
JlemBank	274	4.2
LeumiMBR	84869	2.0
MishlenC	182.50	2.9
Mizrhn	7011	
TefahcR	180257	0.8

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shilton	7697	0.3

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsrosBnf1	1057	-1.0
Ararat	1719	
Ayalon	648	
AyalonC	383	
Elsin	370	
ElsinC1	208	1.0
Hadar1	1201	2.0
Hadar5	1130	1.0
HamshmrC	201	2.5
Hamshmr1	1413	1.5
Hamshmr5	1277	3.0
Menorah1	1027	1.5
Menorah5	935	
Phoenix1	2887	2.8
Phoenix5	2517	2.7
Shirar	469	3.3
Zion5	9898	-4.5

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	320	
Ishitou	941	
Barlan	1915	3.0
BezekW2	166.50	
BndWrnC1	140.50	4.8
BndWrnC2	128.50	
BondWrt1 L	2747	
Clizp0.1	63745	
Clal Comp	9811	-0.5
ClalCmpC	152.00	
CorBeach	1263	0.7
CoOp	1267	3.5
Crystal	1992	
DanHotl	2050	
DCL	553	
DCLW	72.00	
Elad	133.00	-0.4
Feldman	151.50	
GanHadar	273	7.9
GanHadC	291	
GilaugC2	196.00	1.1
GamlIC1	109.00	
GamlIW2	115.00	
HGlC1	129.50	
HGlW1	103.00	
HGrl	370	1.1
Inrgame1	3013	
Inrgame5	2734	0.7
Liraz	1109	1.3
Matil	842	3.4
Medtech	404	0.5
MedtechW	568	4.0
MLLC1	165.50	0.9
Rapac	1810	0.8
Reshet	91.50	
ReshetC1	107.00	1.9
Teem	2435	
TeemaC1	158.50	1.8
Telsys	1141	3.0
Topline	313	5.0
YasdC1	117.00	0.9
Yasna	1234	
Yasr1	831	
Yona	333	9.4

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotmnk	114.50	-9.8
elecrasp	1931	3.5
Imco	357	-2.1
solog	432	
wSpr	169.50	2.1
yehudasl	351	2.6
AckersC	110.00	
Adacom	36.50	
AdacomC2	13.80	
Alliance	1238	1.0
Alony	254	-3.1
AlumH11L	13300	
Angel	11954	-1.2
Argaman	511	
ArytC1	84.50	1.8
Ashply	1519	
Ashplyc1	170.50	-0.6
AshplyW2	485	1.1
AshtnWr1		
Ashtrom	318	1.3
Atzmon	308	-1.6
AtzmonW1	140.50	0.4
Azimuth	419	
Belmon	605	1.2
BeuNonC1	185.50	1.6
Cables C2	206	
CablesC3	190.00	1.2
CablesW3	325	5.9
Carolina	757	4.0
Cargal	1658	3.0
Castro	1329	1.5
Chum	547	0.6
ClalSpC	223	0.9
Clal90.1	1897	5.0
Clnd C2	177.00	
CyclroneW	810	-9.5
Cyclone1	9201	
Cyclone5	6356	-0.5
CyclonC1	150.00	
CyclonC2	102.00	
Dfironc	182.00	
DefronW2	897	-1.8
Delrom	2806	
Dentsply	282	1.1
Degem1	1191	2.5
Delta 1	1830	2.8
Delta3	1801	2.5
DubekB	9801	0.5
DubekR	9558	2.6
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.90	
Eagle1	82.00	
Edgar	272	0.4
EdgarC2	139.50	0.4
ElbitTec	60.00	
ElbitW1	7559	4.0
Elcolnd	5417	
Elctrnex	785	
Elctr 0.5	7752	
ElectraG1	277	
ElitaC	273	
ElrnRotc	327	-3.0
Eurtel	1690.50	-4.3
Fertilzn	1540	
Fertl0.1	1986	3.0
FiscuhW1	7572	5.0
FiscuhW5	5728	2.0
Flow .1	345	3.9
FrutarC1	209	
FrutarC2	190.00	
GcorCr1	87.00	
GibonSeb	374	
GibonW2	290	-4.3
Golras	829	1.2
Hamashl	825	
Hatehsh	317	8.0
Hasonos	150.00	5.3
Hod	355	3.7
Hotlt	1595.50	3.1
IsrCan1	3284	3.0
Jaf-ora	754	1.5
Kadmany1	219	
Kadom	5511	6.2
KademC2	1795.00	1.4
Kator	522	5.3
KlanC1	139.50	1.1
Kll	2128	3.0
Klils	1993	1.0
Lipski	2268	2.5
Lodzia1	1286	
Lodzia4	1152	2.8
LuhotGal	125.00	0.8
MacPell	242	
Magen	454	3.9
Maskmar1	1118	
Maxima5	1106	-0.5
Mel Eden	1062	2.5
Modgal	910	9.0
Mozaica1	330	5.1
Mozaica5	322	9.0
NegCerem	310	
Nehusta1	888	3.0
Nenusta5	787	
Nevatr	1230	4.8
Nitsn1	1295	-0.2
NMC	328	2.7
Olle	790	3.5
Ophir	262	
Orbit1	356	5.0
Orlite	382	
PardesrW2	4038	
Pargod	1469	
PazChan	222	1.9
Plla	712	5.0
PolgatA	347	3.6
PolgatC1	181.50	0.8
Polygon	590	0.8
PolygonC	182.00	-0.5
PCB	654	0.3
Rekinex	363	4.9
RekinexW	63.50	11.4
Sanbloh1	385	5.1
Sanot1	1215	1.5
Sanot2	1150	1.8
Selan	328	3.1
Shernen	8347	2.0
Spctmx	384	
Steel	219	0.5
Sunbrost	8213	
Tast	36042	8.0
Tadiran	517	10.0
Tandbase	831	7.0
Tegbis	1093	2.2
Tiv	718	2.9
Tohlan1	407	1.5
Topper	205	
TATC1	182.50	
TATf	436	
Unitarr1	1638	10.0
Unitarr5	454	8.1
Vitalgo1	704	8.0
Vulcan	250	
VulcanC	183.00	0.8
WarnBros	18541	
WarnbrW3	8271	6.5
YbngC2	540	0.9
Zahav	216	
Zilan1	1590	4.0
Zilan5	1606	1.8
Zilt1	4753	-0.2
Zivit5	3638	4.0
ZionCab1	918	2.0
Zionalnd	455	1.3

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Jacobsnr	154.50	0.7
rlwest	295	
Itzrlstl	383	5.2
watson	78515	4.8
y-Sitting	170.00	
Alron	1450	-5.5
AlronC		
AlronW1L	121.00	
Arazim	186.50	
Arazim C1	186.50	
Arlasan1	1157	3.6
Assia	2175	
AssisC4	154.00	0.3
AssisW2	736	
Astuta	1240	3.0
AstutaC1	239	0.8
AzorprC1	258	-0.8
AzorProp	603	3.1
Barsanc1	1020	1.5
Bayside5	27965	
BaysideC1	27839	1.3
BenYakar	2130	-2.2
BenYakW1	717	2.5
BenYhorC	86.00	-0.6
BldgRes	3734	
Clalgscr	1515	
Dankner	1529	1.0
DanknerC	163.50	1.8
Darad1	230	0.4
Dunbar	4580	0.5
DunbarCw	288	
Engel	380	-2.6
GoldHous	386	2.1
GldHousC	198.00	1.0
Hpro	2778	-0.5
Hrelcon	1552	1.0
IsrelomC	206	0.5
IsrasC1	190.00	1.1
IsrasO.5	4586	
Isras1	4883	2.5
ICP5	20990	-0.5
Jayscur1	188.50	
Jordan	374	2.2
LiscrlC1	101.00	
Lisrelcs	238	-2.1
Lisrel25	172.00	-0.3
Lunar1	3585	
MalibuC2	118.00	
Malibu1	807	9.8
MerLasC	250	
MerLasC2	78.50	1.9
MerLazW3	167.50	
Minrav	9128	
Mishmael	335	
MTM	2498	5.0
Nextdvlw	1663	10.0
PnrOr	8443	
RedSea	618	4.9
RogovinIL	1026	
Rogovin5	945	4.0
Rotem	474	-5.0
Stezen	317	1.0
Shalsad	419	2.2
Teshlrz	828	1.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ilya	946	3.1
Aclarsi	805	2.9
Aclare2	697	
AlharC	478	
Alrspa	190289	5.3
Arad	5938	2.0
Azr aC2	175.00	2.6
ClalW3	1375	
Clal60	7167	1.0
DanharC	207	5.1
Danhar1	2220	
Elem	3110	2.5
Emeh	217	-1.4
ExporC4	235	0.9
Hlan	395	
HlanW4	228	
HrenS	8012	
Ispal	1171	2.5
IDLC6	187.50	1.4
JoelC1	174.50	
JoelC1A	175.00	
Kardan1	398	
KerzenC2		
Klar	424	3.9
MagCr1	1933	
MagCr5	1864	4.0
Mdalc	554	-1.1
OscCn	128.50	0.8
OscW1	3800	
Otar	12767	0.5
Pamel0.1	1087	
Rim1	469	0.4
Rim4	333	0.8
SamarDev	2497	4.3
Secunts	2089	
SecuntsC	128.50	1.2
SecuritsW	586	4.8
SAPANHABP	814	3.5
TayaC	237	-0.4
TzurC1	183.50	1.1
TzurSHmr	97.00	
Unico	6039	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	6407	

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
alrtsrvl	650	2.5
arkiA	941	1.6
ellek	205	-19.2
jldins.	171.50	
Ipsiarms	250	6.0
ravtalneha	1014	
mivaya	2237	0.5
sadsahd	952	0.7
tkn	469	1.1
AstarW1	685	0.3
Coentec	1000	
Dalit1	3.40	
Danel	7182	-1.0
Dpts	1103	
Elscon	422	-0.9
Greenbrg	552	
ILDCHOT	469	
Kind	205	
Kopel	210	4.5
KopelC1	183.50	
MCPK	386	1.3
Nirum1	258	
Regency Ho	159.50	4.9
TransLin	1287	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a dori	131.00	-1.1
aloniunrez	105.50	
granddor	154.00	
dandor	768	2.7
Adler	247	9.3
Bar—Tom1	1770	
Cassrea1	3643	
Danly	594	10.0
Gazit	481	4.8
GazitW1	324	14.9
GzutC1	287	
Lazmlch	181.00	-0.6
Lerstnr1	713	
Mellaron	983	-1.0
Oz	222	
Rassco	2033	2.0
Scandst	178.50	
ScandSrC	153.00	-5.4
UnicornGr	130.50	1.2
Unicornr1	185.00	24.5
Unicorn5	81.00	11.7
UnicorW3	48.40	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
aboodsgn	85.00	
kadoonsgn	310	
lipman	1715	7.3
maxrlvhld	880	8.0
nisco	1739	3.0
plynot	228	
reichert	1662	1.3
techem	523	0.8
totrauslr	579	
viemstrk	127.00	3.3
zrinmetal	1521	5.0
Adumim1	210	1.9
Baruch1	1882	
Baruch6	581	8.2
Brosh1	294	0.3
Dexter	2060	-0.2
Elbira	171.50	
Gell	178.50	
Ilrig1	883	3.4
Lahlsn1	2885	
MarC1	135.50	
Mish1	288	
MLT	1183	
Neca	27420	8.0
NecaG1	196.00	1.0
Ohollab	745	0.5
Orazit	196.00	-5.3
OrazitC	90.50	
OrtaPent	1152	-2.0
Pollsh1	322	0.5
Shledot	126.50	-1.5
Taste	885	2.5

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darban1	2342	
Idar	789	1.5
marathon	71.00	
Arlen	1473	1.2
Binyan	71468	10.0
Hamen	2116	8.0
Mirage	131.00	2.7
Optima	194.00	0.3
Regent1	341	
Yisr-Lm	84.50	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DelOEx1	1919	0.5
Naphtha	37.60	

Two-sided trading

Name	Price	AFTERNOON % Change	AFTERNOON Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING % Change	MORNING Volume Shares
buildpr	485		3500	485		8932
nacional	1183	1.7	11700	1182	2.5	7987
Ablac	24.8	-2.2	240000	24.9	-2.0	696788
Ackerlin	323	-1.2	36000	323	-1.2	20743
Afris 0.	354235	2.0	188	347289		49
Afrisr	335806	2.0	105	335806	2.0	106
Agan	4236	4.0	25080	4154	2.0	5501
Agis	2069	0.2	2400	2084		5457
Aryt	483	5.0	3000	483	5.0	8000
Avner	7.6	-1.0	420000	7.6	-1.3	902789
Azorim	3852	0.2	14800	3842		14351
ALPM	13142	1.0	2280	13142	1.0	997
Bezek	563	0.7	561000	563	0.7	146547
Boulo	218	-0.5	40000	217	-0.9	34686
Cables	1585			1585		549
Clal Ele	23850	2.0	5445	23908	2.2	3570
Clal Tra	839	-1.2	49500	850		90025
Clal 10	7413	2.0	24120	7377	1.5	9054
Clalins	1188	0.5	18200	1182		19067
Clalstr 5	1858	4.7	80800	1814	2.3	12694
Clinds	1764	1.7	46400	1773	2.2	20105
CohenDev	664	2.7	8800	646		4012
Danbar 5	1951	1.2	8400	1927		2822
Dead Sea	784	0.7	92000	784	0.8	37016
Delek	8392	0.7	1200	8392	0.7	2569
Discinv	19052	1.5	1750	18864	0.5	1932
Elbit	19672	3.7	8850	19388	2.3	5405
Elco	9256	-0.2	320	9279		888
Elite 5	1521		124000	1521		10815
Elron	8889	1.2	4200	8998	2.5	3781
Evergr n	2191	-0.5		2191	-0.5	3332
Export	1585		2400	1565		13172
Fibi	45040	2.5	1890	44600	1.5	716
Formula	970		3200	970		16915
Frstint1	35304	0.5	400	35128		221
Frstint5	33044	1.2	1260	32636		898
Frutarom	1059	0.7	11200	1054	0.3	24785
Gaihelet	5145	2.0	8000	5044		1750
Granit	505	0.7	30000	498	-0.6	4163
Hapoalm	456	2.2	384200	450	0.9	99322
Hapoalm	7876	2.2	8580	7799	1.2	4322
IndBldg	394	2.0	148000	391	1.3	83013
IndDevBK	30850		150	30850		189
Isramco	7.4	1.0	17480000	7.3		5151760
IsrCorp1	21716	2.2	360	21716	2.3	1304
IsrCorp5	20140	1.2		20140	1.3	680
IsChem	274	1.5	1474000	274	1.6	148489
IDB	977	1.5	141000	973	1.0	68128
IDBDev	50753	2.5	900	50258	1.5	497
ILDC	938	4.2	145600	920	2.2	92984
JEC	1027	0.2		1027	0.3	20196
JOEL	132.5		192000	132.5		40535
Kardan5	388	4.0	320000	380	1.9	46969
Kitan	1076	2.5	13200	1071	2.0	13043
Koor	23388	1.7	13560	23158	0.7	4257
Laumi	349	1.7	275000	346	0.9	130662
Lifshtz1	284	-2.0		284	-2.1	20697
Makhteah	1530	1.5	68000	1518	0.7	22988
Malibu5	742			742		3816
Maman	826	0.5	27200	822		7541
Marit1	2364	4.2	9000	2325	2.5	5820
Mashov	256	2.2	174000	250		51202
MehadrIn	13981			13981		190
MeirEzra	2489	0.5	6600	2477		7181
Mishkan	30866	0.2	180	30789		524
Mivtah	1137	1.2	24000	1131	0.7	18890
Mutlock	1037	-4.0	93800	1037	-4.0	32564
MGN5	6161	4.7	10200	5882		2184
MLL1	445	-2.5	4000	445	-2.4	9500
NatolDS	9.5	-2.0		9.5	-2.1	692777
Ocif	8089	0.2	1800	8069		981
Ormat	705	1.0	20000	701	0.4	25160
Osem	1776	3.2	65250	1772	3.0	8711
OsemW1						
PazoilEx	106.0			106.0		158911
Pecker	10300	1.7	1440	10224	1.0	910
Pericias	2104	1.2	800	2088	0.5	739
Petrchem	1355	3.7	74400	1348	3.2	19355
Pityon	10784	1.2	2550	10864	2.0	1984
PolgatB	398	4.0	98900	391	2.1	44512
Poseidon	89.0	-2.7	16000	89.0	-2.7	53833
Rogosin	2262	-0.5	2000	2262	-0.5	11177
SolaPump	164.0	1.2	440000	162.0		212234
SuperstB	5086	4.5	19520	4977	2.3	7335
TefahotB	189731	-2.0		189731	-2.0	34
Tempo1	1399	0.5	850	1398	0.5	6195
Teva	71241	0.7	1820	70888	0.3	918
TevaC	423			423		
Tibnveel	420	-2.7	8000	417	-3.5	20024
TAT5	311	0.7	26500	310	0.3	39070
Urdan 0.	371	2.0	40000	369	1.4	16800
Yaad	627	2.0	14000	624	1.5	2765
Ytong	793	-1.2	30400	803		23301

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg

NEW YORK

AMP Inc	70.375	+0.125
AMR Corp	49.125	-0.25
ASA	44.75	+0.5
Abbott Labs	31.75	+0.375
Acme Cleveland	10.875	-0.5
Advanced Micro	22.75	-0.5
Aetna Life	45.5	+0.25
Affiliated Publ	8.375	-0.125
Aflac	33.375	+0.375
Ahmanson (HF)	18.25	+0.125
Air Prods	44.625	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	26.5	-0.125
Albertson's	28.625	-0.125
Alcan Aluminum	25.75	-0.25
Alco Standard	35.5	-0.5
Alex & Alex	18.625	-0.25
Allegheny Power	21.625	+0.25
Allied Signal	32	+0.125
Alcoa	79.375	-0.875
Amax	39.125	+0
Amdahl Corp	8.625	+0
Amerada Hess	45.125	+1
Amer Brands	34.25	+0
Amer Cyanamid		
Amer El Power	33.5	+0.25
Amer Express	29.125	-0.25
Amer Gen Corp	27.5	+0.25
Amer Greeting	27.25	-0.5
Amer Home Pr	65.75	-0.375
Amer Int'l	94.875	-0.625
Amer Mail Ins	46.5	+0
Amer Stores	25.125	-0.5
Amer T & T	49.375	+0.5
Amertech	41	+0.125
Ametek Inc	17.25	+0
Amoco	82	+0.375
Analog Devices	31.5	+0.125
Anheuser-Busch	50.25	+0.25
Aon Corp	31.25	+0.125
Apple Computer	38.625	+0.125
Archer Daniels	19.375

Turks take Hapoel TA

RICHARD ZAACKS

HAPOEL Tel Aviv suffered its third straight defeat in European Cup play last night, going down to Turkish hosts Fenerbahce 70-63.

For the Hapoel hoopsters, who woke up in the second half, it was a matter of too little, too late. The opening minutes saw a bevy of missed shots, both from the corners and under the boards as Fenerbahce built a 15-10 lead under the steady but cautious shooting of Ibrahim Kutlhay.

Mickey Berkowitz entered in the 13th minute and, aided by Milton Wagner, trimmed the deficit to 23-20, but the general sloppy play of the Tel Avivans saw the score once again rise to 32-25 at halftime.

As the second half began, Hakan Yorukogulu got hot to increase the lead to 10 points, but then Hapoel's Buck Johnson, who sat out the first half, and Ofer Fleischer got the visitors back to 52-50 with 6 minutes to play, the closest they would come all evening.

Before the game got tense, however, Fenerbahce's Mitch Smith started plugging baskets to lead an assault of eight unanswered points to give the Turks a 60-50 lead.

Now it was Hapoel's turn with Berkowitz, Wagner and Lior Arditti whittling the lead to 61-58.

Yorukogulu then opened up his arsenal to take the lead to 66-60. Johnson had a crucial 3-pointer to narrow the margin to 66-63, but Ismir Tomocolo was fouled twice in the final 30 seconds and sank all four chances to seal Fenerbahce's win.

For the victors, Yorukogulu was the game's high scorer with 18 followed by Kutlhay's 17.

For Hapoel, Wagner had 16, Johnson 15 and Berkowitz 14.

Hapoel faces Italy's Benetton Treviso in the friendly confines of Ussishkin on January 3.



STARK CONTRAST – Knicks John Starks (r) drives around Heat's Glen Rice and John Salley. Miami upset New York 122-111. (AP)

Scharf faces tactical questions

National soccer squad takes on Romania today

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAEL'S face-off this evening against Romania in Group 1 of the European Nations' Cup qualifiers presents the stiffest task yet for national coach Shlomo Scharf's campaign for a place in England '96.

So far Scharf's charges have fared better than expected in their contests against the weaker teams in the Group. With two wins and a draw behind them, the Israelis currently lie in second place on 7 points with just goal difference separating them from the Romanians who predictably won home matches against Azerbaijan and Slovakia, while holding the French to a scoreless draw in St. Etienne.

In the 18 months since 44-year old coach Anghel Iordanescu took over the helm, Romania has become one of the strongest sides in Europe. In their last 14 matches, the Romanians have lost just one match, a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Switzerland in the World Cup. Their exit from the tourney came in a penalty shootout against Sweden in the quarter-finals.

USA '94 established midfield genius Gheorghe Hagi as one of the top four players on the globe through his explosive running and visionary passing, married to an uncanny knack of finding spectacular goals when most desperately needed.

Can Scharf's men inflict the Romanians first defeat since the summer?

The Romanians provide a formidable obstacle by employing a string of six players across midfield, making it difficult to attack the two marking defenders and sweeper that lie behind them. The Israelis play a more open game with a 4-5-1 formation.

An advantage with Iordanescu's tactical set-up is that it enables his men to spring quicksilver breakaway raids that can catch out all but the best-organized defenses. Upfront Florin Raducioiu and Ilie Dumitrescu know how to find the back of the net. With 16 goals in 33 international appearances Espanol forward Raducioiu is a feared marksman, and was the leading European scorer in the World Cup qualifiers.

Israel's defensive performance in the recent friendly match against Cyprus showed the extent of the team's defensive frailties. Without Tal Banin, there is no natural ball winner and Israel's defenders continue to backtrack all the way into the penalty area when attackers run straight at them.

This allowed the Cypriots to launch offensive raids through the middle of the park and hit long shots from outside the area at Bonny Ginsburg. Unless the defense puts on a sterner performance this evening, Hagi and Raducioiu could have a field day.

Scharf realizes he lacks solid defenders and knows that his team's prowess lies in midfield. He faces a real quandary as to whether he should restrain his squad's attacking tendencies and not getting caught short in defense. However, this could mean giving too much of the initiative to the visitors and letting the play get clogged in the center of midfield.

As long as the Romanians do not carve holes in the Israeli defense, these tactics may just succeed in forcing a draw, which would be fine for the Israelis.

On the other hand Scharf's general philosophy is to give reign to his side's attacking abilities. Rouen Harazi currently lies joint top amongst the competition's strikers with four goals in three matches, and should be used to put the Romanians on edge in defense, while Ronnie Rosenthal should still be invigorated by his stunning goal against the Azeris. In addition, Eyal Berkowitz, Alon Hazan and Haim Revivo are far more effective moving forward than battling for possession in centerfield.

In Trabzon, Turkey last night, France beat Azerbaijan 2-0 to move up to third place in the standings. Jean-Pierre Papin (24th minute) and Patrice Loko (55th) scored for the French side.

A crowd in excess of 30,000 is expected to pack the National Stadium for the match which kicks off at 6 pm. The game will be covered live on Channel 1, Radio 2 and Army Radio.

European Nations' Championship qualifying group 1

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Romania	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Israel	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
France	4	1	3	0	2	0	6
Poland	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Slovakia	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Azerbaijan	4	0	0	4	0	8	0

Ellison debuts in Celtics' win

BOSTON (AP) – On a night of two season debuts in the NBA, the guy in green had the best one; and it wasn't Dennis Rodman with his new green hairdo.

It was Pervis Ellison, the No. 1 overall pick in 1989 who played his first game with a green No. 29 on his Boston Celtics jersey.

Ellison, who hadn't played all season while rehabilitating his oft-injured left knee, had 19 points, 10 rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in 32 minutes as Boston beat Denver 113-103 Monday night.

In the other noteworthy debut, Rodman had five rebounds and six points in 27 minutes as San Antonio beat Washington 122-101. Rodman missed the first 17 games of the season because of two suspensions and a leave of absence.

At Boston Garden, Dee Brown also scored 19 points, Dominique Wilkins 18, Derek Strong 15, Rick Fox 13 and David Wesley 12 for Boston, which ended Denver's streaks of five straight games holding opponents below 100 points and seven games holding opponents below 50 percent shooting from the field. The Celtics were 44-for-84, with Ellison going 8-for-13.

Spurs 122, Bullets 101

Rodman got a standing ovation from many in the Alamodome crowd when he checked in during the first quarter. His highlights were a dramatic dunk in the second quarter and behind-the-back pass in the fourth. His lowlights included four turnovers in the third period.

David Robinson led the Spurs with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Sean Elliott added 18 points and Vinny Del Negro scored 17.

Nets 128, Magic 101

It was visiting Orlando's worst game of the year – by far.

The Magic, which hadn't lost by more than two points all season, were just 6-for-23 from the foul line, the fourth lowest percentage ever in an NBA game. Shaquille O'Neal was the main culprit, going 2-for-11.

Heat 122, Knicks 111

At Madison Square Garden, Glen Rice scored a season-high 38 points, Kevin Willis had 28 points and 17 rebounds and Bimbo Coles 21 points and 15 rebounds.

The Knicks, who trailed throughout the fourth quarter, cut their deficit to four with 3:54 remaining, but got no closer.

"The bottom line is we didn't play the defense we're known for playing. That's why we lost," said Patrick Ewing, who had a season-high 30 points.

MONDAY'S RESULTS:
Boston 113, Denver 103
San Antonio 122, Washington 101
New Jersey 128, Orlando 101
Miami 122, New York 111
Phoenix 90, Golden State 84
Utah 101, Portland 89

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	12	8	.667	–
Utah	12	8	.600	1
Denver	10	7	.588	1.5
Dallas	9	7	.563	2
San Antonio	9	9	.500	3
Minnesota	3	15	.167	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	14	5	.737	–
Seattle	12	8	.667	1.5
LA Lakers	11	7	.611	2.5
Sacramento	10	8	.556	3.5
Portland	9	8	.529	4
Golden State	8	11	.421	6
LA Clippers	2	17	.105	12

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	15	4	.789	–
New York	11	7	.611	3.5
Boston	9	11	.450	6.5
New Jersey	9	13	.409	7.5
Philadelphia	7	11	.389	7.5
Washington	6	10	.375	7.5
Miami	5	12	.294	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	12	5	.706	–
Cleveland	11	8	.579	2
Charlotte	9	9	.500	3.5
Chicago	9	9	.500	3.5
Detroit	8	10	.444	4.5
Atlanta	8	11	.421	5
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	6.5

Israel under-21 falls to Romania

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL'S under-21 side suffered its first defeat in the European Championship qualifying competition, going down 1-0 to Romania yesterday.

A lone goal by Radu Nicolescu was all the Romanians required for victory in an uninspiring match at Bloomfield.

Israel failed to produce any intelligent moves, although they weren't called for against a generally disorganized Romanian squad. Several attempts to equalize, most notably by Nejwan Grayev in the first half, and Eli Abarbanel in the dying seconds from just four meters out were as close as Israel came.

For the rest of the match, move and counter-move were thwarted well away from the danger zones.

What let Israel down once again was defense: Ilie Popescu broke through the Israeli defenders, shot low and hard at goal. Liran Strauber, between the posts for Israel, could only deflect the ball with his fingertips and Nicolescu pounced to score unhindered from seven meters out.

Gravey's attempt to equalize came soon afterwards as Israel managed to beat the Romanian offside trap. The unmarked Grayev had plenty of time to place his shot but failed to get into a comfortable position to score.

Abarbanel's chance to score came just seconds from the end as he slid into a cross from Alon Maya on the right and shot high and wide from point-blank range.

The result sees Israel and Romania exchange places in the standings, with the visitors occupying the runner-up spot and Israel in third.

In other action yesterday, group leaders France beat Azerbaijan 5-0 in Trabzon, Turkey.

European Under-21 Championship qualifying group one

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
France	4	3	1	0	12	0	10
Romania	4	2	2	0	8	2	8
Israel	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Poland	3	1	1	1	7	8	4
Slovakia	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Azerbaijan	4	0	0	4	3	17	0

Miami grabs playoff berth

MIAMI (AP) – Thanks to nifty running by Bernie Parmalee, a pair of wily defensive backs and even Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins charged into the playoffs.

The Dolphins scored three touchdowns during a six-minute span Monday night to beat Kansas City 45-28 and clinch just their third playoff berth since 1985.

First-place Miami (9-5) can win the AFC East with a victory in one of its final two games against Indianapolis and Detroit.

Kansas City (7-7), playing once again without Joe Montana, was eliminated from the race for the AFC West title. The Chiefs have lost four of their past five games and could miss the playoffs for the first time since 1989, but they still have a shot at a wild-card berth.

Miami cornerback Troy Vincent and safety Gene Atkins combined on a stunning 76-yard interception-lateral-touchdown to help break the game open. Parmalee rushed for 127 yards and scored twice, while the injured Marino surprised the Chiefs on a 4-yard touchdown run.

The Dolphins' point total was their highest since 1986 and the most allowed by Kansas City since 1984.

Montana remained sidelined by a sore left foot. Replacement Steve Bono directed touchdown drives of 83 and 81 yards on the Chiefs' first two possessions, but those were their only offensive points until the final 3½ minutes.

Meanwhile, Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly is likely to be out for the season, the result of a sprained knee suffered in Sunday's 21-17 loss to Minnesota.

Kelly was hit by Henry Thomas after throwing a pass.

Players reject owners' offer

RYE BROOK, NY (AP) – Major League baseball players "fundamentally" rejected the owners' latest contract offer yesterday and didn't come back with a counterproposal, Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris said.

Union officials hold out little hope for a deal before tomorrow, when owners are scheduled to meet in Chicago. Management negotiator John Harrington has said that if there's no deal by then, owners will declare an impasse and impose a cap.

Teams, prepared to start the 1995 season with replacement players if the strike continues, want a new economic system in place before December 17, the deadline for clubs to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.

If owners do impose a cap, they would eliminate salary arbitration and many of the union's gains of the past 25 years.

SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER – Arsenal 2, Manchester City 1

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

With 24 games already lost, NHL season close to folding

NEW YORK (AP) – National Hockey League players will have to make a better offer to the league if they hope to salvage the season.

That's essentially what NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a news conference following Monday's emergency meeting of the board of governors.

"What the players have proposed has not addressed the problem," Bettman said.

As a result, the NHL could become the first American sport to have an entire season wiped out. Players were locked out before playing a single game.

"I told the owners at the start that if they went down this path they would have to be prepared to lose the season," Bettman said.

To that end, the board voted 26-0 Monday to give Bettman the authority to cancel the season if a new labor agreement can't be worked out with the union.

He would not give a "drop-dead date," however.

The season is already officially down to 60 games following the cancellation of 24 for each of the teams. Realistically, it's probably closer to 50, given the time limitations between now and the end of June and the availability of arenas.

Both sides have remained rigid in their resolve ever since, despite a series of negotiations that brought them closer on some issues.

"They've told us that they have given us all they had to give," Bettman said of the union negotiators.

The so-called luxury tax is the main stumbling block in the negotiations. The owners want to tax teams that spend more on salaries than the league average and distribute the money to small market teams who don't.

Cricketers hit with missiles

MELBOURNE (AP) – Acting England captain Alec Stewart considered walking his team from the Melbourne Cricket Ground after fans threw missiles during a limited-overs match last night.

Stewart said spectators threw beer cans, fruit and golf balls at his players during the World Series match against Australia A.

Play was interrupted in the 32nd over of Australia's innings when England player Graham Thorpe complained of having projectiles thrown around him.

On the field, allrounder Craig White led England to a 31-run victory.

White top-scored with 43 runs as England struggled to 188-9 and then took three crucial wickets as the tourists dismissed the second-string Australian team for 157. He finished with 3-35 from 8.5 overs.

England now has a 1-1 record in the quadrangular tournament.

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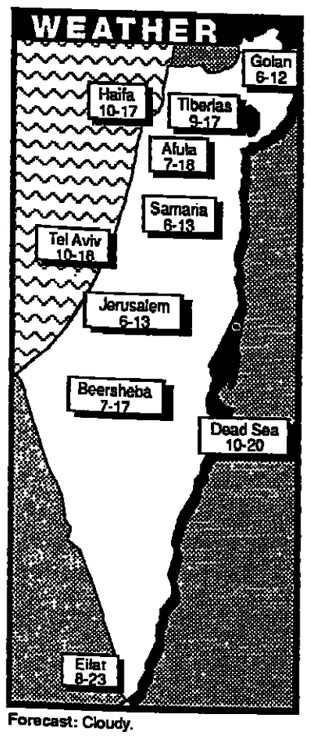
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HELEN KAYE

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Life-size puppets share the stage with the actors, the Manhattan skyline, a big pink plastic fish and a naked lady, all sprinkled with Genty stardust. if you've never seen this company, you owe it to yourself. Tonight and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Cinerama at 8:30 p.m. (non-verbal)

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

IRIS and Ofer Portugali – she vocals and drums, and he on keyboard – team up with bassist Amitai Parienta and Eli Djibri on saxophone at the Pargod Theater in Jerusalem tonight at 9.

THEATER

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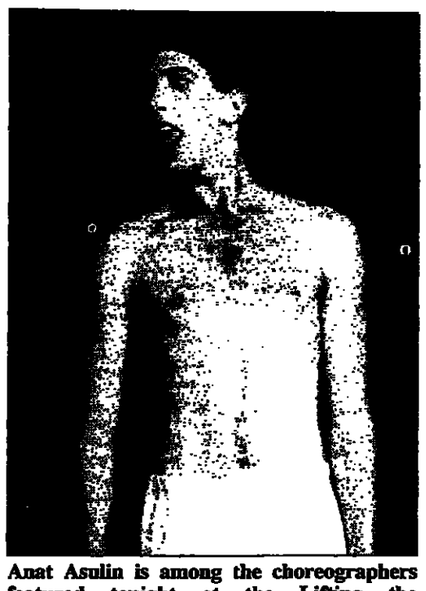
CONTEMPORARY French theater isn't much seen outside France, so Habimah has decided to bring three generations worth of post-World War II French drama in translation to the Habimartef for a week of play readings and discussions with the playwrights. Today's offering, translated by Joshua Sobol, is *TV Broadcast* by Michel Vinaver which takes unemployment as its theme. The play reading is at 2:30 p.m. The discussion "Trends and Directions in contemporary French Theater" is at 10 a.m. Admission free.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE 12th International Harp Contest moves towards its second stage today, as 16 of the original 40 harpists who began the contest Sunday morning each perform a recital featuring compositions by Bach, Andre Caplet and Ami Ma'ayani. The second stage takes place today and tomorrow, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions at the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra opens its youth concert series today (5:30 p.m.) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, with Mendi Rodan on the podium leading the orchestra in Britten's *A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* and Bizet's *Jeux d'enfants*.



Anat Asulin is among the choreographers featured tonight at the Lifting the Curtain dance festival. (Gadi Dagon)

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THERE are four more days left in the Lifting the Curtain dance festival at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, which this year is a homage to Federico Fellini. Starting at 8:30 tonight you can enjoy new works by Uri Ivgi, Anat Asulin and Yasmin Vardimon.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

TONIGHT has some of the best viewing of the week, so charge up the batteries in your zapper. Soccer fans will be settling into their armchairs early for the Israel-Romania match at 5:50 p.m. on Channel 1. A five-minute IBA English News will switch to 5 p.m. to make way for it.

Poseurs should tune in to Channel 2 at 7 p.m. for the designer magazine *Style*, the show that shows you how the other half lives. Avri Gilad hosts the game show *It's a Deal* at 8:30 p.m. Our spies who saw the first program last week raved about it. What's the big deal? Tune to Channel 2 to find out. Turn back to Channel 1 at 9:45 for a docudrama called *Adam Zirkos – The Human Circus*. It's about a group of Russian performers who come to Israel during the Gulf war to put on a play about a group of Jewish actors who came to Palestine in the 1940s.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Raining Stones 7 ★ Umberto D. 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Interview With the Vampire•The Specialist 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Timecop•Natural Born Killers 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Into the West 4:30, 7 ★ The Real McCoy 4:30, 7, 9:30 JERUSALEM THEATER Lifetimes 7, 9:30 ★ Germinal 6, 9 ORION True Lies 4:45, 6:45, 9:15 ★ The Client•True Romance 5, 7:15, 9:15 ★ Priscilla•The Flying Camel 5, 7:30, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'omen St., Talpiot Chasers•Gilbert Grape•The Siren's Song•The Color of the Night•I Love Trouble 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Bad Girls•It Could Happen To You 5, 7:30, 9:30

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center Pulp Fiction 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Bad Girls 11:30 a.m.; 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Chasers 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:30 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. It Could Happen To You 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center Gilbert Grape 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Into the West 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Burnt by the Sun 11 a.m., 4:15, 7 ★ True Romance 2, 9:45 DRIVE IN True Lies 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight GAN HA'IR Priscilla 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil 6, 8 ★ The Diary of Nani Moretti 10 HAKOLNOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6959341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Tsahal 2, 7:15 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Forrest Gump 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Timecop•The Specialist 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 ★ Priscilla 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Natural Born Killers 12 noon, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ Lifetimes 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Flying Camel 4, 6, 10 ★ Raining Stones weekdays 12 noon, 2, 4 ★ Naked 10 ★ Ladybird 12 noon, 2, 6, 8, 10 MAXIM Speed 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102574* Opera House Serial Mom•The Siren's Song•Sirens•I Love Trouble 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) weekdays 5 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. The Specialist 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Clear and Present Danger•True Lies 4:30, 7:15, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Real McCoy•Interview With the Vampire 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Shadow weekdays 5 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard The House of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 ZAFON Germinal 4, 7, 9:45

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 Burnt by the Sun 6:45, 9:15 ★ It Could Happen to You 9:15 ★ True Lies 6:45 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 573003 Interview with the Vampire•Timecop•The Specialist•The Real McCoy 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Forrest Gump 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 Priscilla 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Lifetimes 7, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 The Client•Natural Born Killers•The Flying Camel 4:30, 7, 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 574311 Pulp Fiction 6:30, 9:15 ★ Chasers 5, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Bad Girls•Gilbert Grape 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•Chasers 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Pulp Fiction 6:30, 9:15 ★ The Siren's Song 9:15 ★ It Could Happen to You 4:45, 7 ★ The Color of the Night 9:15 ★ Angels 4:45, 7 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 The Siren's Song•Gilbert Grape 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:15 ★ Angels 4:45, 7

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL The Real 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Bay's Day Out weekdays 4:45

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL Interview with the Vampire•The Real McCoy•Timecop•The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 Bad Girls•It Could Happen to You•The Color of the Night 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:15

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 Bad Girls•Interview with the Vampire•The Real McCoy•Timecop 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Chasers•The Specialist 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:30

BEERSHEBA
RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ It Could Happen to You 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:30 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. GIL Interview With The Vampire•Timecop 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45

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HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 Interview With The Vampire•Natural Born Killers 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out weekdays 5 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:15, 9:30

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 Forrest Gump 7:30, 10:15 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:30, 10 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. The Real McCoy 7:30, 9:45 ★ Angels 7:30 ★ Forrest Gump 9:45 ★ Interview With the Vampire 7:30, 10

HOD HASHARON
MOFET ☎ 405616 The Specialist 7:15, 9:30

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 Serial Mom•The Specialist 7, 9:30 ★ True Lies 6:45, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL Interview With The Vampire•Timecop•The Real McCoy•The Color of the Night 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ True Romance 9:45 ★ Angels 4:45, 7:15 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral Sun. 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:$5, 7:15, 9:45

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 Interview With The Vampire•Timecop•The Real McCoy 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Monkey Trouble 4:45 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman 7, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 4:45 ★ Into the West•The Mask 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Specialist 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4:45, 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI
HAKIRYA The Specialist 5, 7:30, 9:30 MOFET The Siren's Song 7:15, 9:30

KIRYAT ONO
MATNAS True Lies Mon. 7, 9:30; Tue. Thu. 8; Wed. 5, 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA
HECHAL HATARBUT Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:15

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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Interview With The Vampire 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Timecop 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Real McCoy 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Interview With The Vampire•The Real McCoy•Timecop 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Chasers 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:15

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G.G. GIL Natural Born Killers•Timecop 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Lion King weekdays 5, 7:15 ★ Aya 7:15, 9:45

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 Interview With the Vampire 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Real McCoy 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Angels 4:45 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Timecop•Natural Born Killers•The Color of the Night 5, 7:15, 9:45

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MOFET Red Sun.. Mon., Wed. 7:30, 9:30 PARK Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Interview With The Vampire 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Timecop 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ It Could Happen To You 5, 7:30 ★ Forrest Gump 7:15, 10 ★ The Color of the Night 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 5

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121 Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Siren's Song 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ I Love Trouble 9:45 ★ The Mask 7, 9:45 ★ Angels 5, 7:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 The Color of the Night•The Real McCoy 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Interview With The Vampire 5, 7:15, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 The Specialist 7, 9:30

REHOVOT
CHEN 1–4 ☎ 465979 Interview With The Vampire•Sirens 7:15, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 9:45 ★ Angels 7:15 ★ The Siren's Song 7:15, 9:45

RISHON LEZION
HAZAHAV Interview With The Vampire 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Into the West 4:45 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•Bad Girls 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Color of the Night 5, 7:30, 9:45

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 The Real McCoy•Timecop 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Angels 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Burnt by the Sun 4:30, 7, 9:45 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. The Color of the Night 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 7:15 ★ The Siren's Song 7:30, 10 ★ It Could Happen To You 7:30 ★ Speed 10 ★ Priscilla 7:15, 9:45

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎ 06-561332 The Color of the Night•The Specialist•Interview With The Vampire•Aya•Timecop•The Real McCoy 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 °

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All times are p.m. unless otherwise indicated.



TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News **6:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Heart Beat – documentary series on ethnic music around the world **8:30** Arithmetic **8:50** Pioneer Israeli History **9:10** English: Candy Can Do It **9:25** Pretty Butterfly **9:50** Just Say No **9:55** Education News Flash **10:00** Morning Talk with Batya Barak – Defense Mechanisms **10:30** Children's current affairs (rpt) **11:00** Judaism: Keshet v'anan **11:20** Literature **11:55** Education News Flash **12:00** Life Sciences – the human body **12:20** Nature and Science (Arabic) **12:40** English: Radio Fever **13:00** Science and Technology **13:30** Keep Fit **13:55** Education News Flash **14:00** Funny Bones **14:05** Fables **14:15** Animal tales **14:30** Moomins **15:00** Zombit

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Three, Four, Five and a Half **16:00** Zap to One **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** News in English **17:50** Soccer – Israel vs. Romania

ARABIC PROGRAMS

HEBREW PROGRAMS
20:00 Mabat **21:00** Conference Call – with Nissim Mishal **21:45** Docu-drama: Adam Zirkos – The human circus. A group of Russian actors comes to Israel during the Gulf War **23:30** News **00:00** Love At First Sight – Play On

■ CHANNEL 2

14:00 Walking on Air – Danny, a boy confined to a wheelchair, dreams of becoming an astronaut. **15:00** Cartoons **15:05** The Wind in the Willows **15:30** Doug **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** Action – Cinema program **18:00** Humor **18:30** Paradise Beach **19:00** Style Magazine **19:30** Who's the Boss **20:00** News **20:30** It's a Deal – game show **21:00** Itche – comedy with Sefi Rivlin **21:30** Live – Dan Shilon Hosts **23:00** Film **00:00** News **00:05** Film (continued)

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:15** Battlestar Galactica **19:30** Coach **19:35** Coach **20:00** Life in the Freezer (documentary) **20:30** Quantam Leap **21:10** Law and Order **22:00** News in English **22:20** Snowy River **23:30** Coming of Age

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club **14:55** Film: The Case of Charles Peace – a series of burglaries in Victorian England lead to a murder, making the trial a textbook example **16:20** Mighty Mouse **16:55** Jonny Quest **17:20** Dangermouse **17:45** Superbook II **18:10** Hart To Hart **19:10** Rescue 911 **20:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** Wings **22:20** Murder She Wrote **23:10** The 700 Club **00:00** Special Programs

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Celeste **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:40** Falcon Crest **13:30** Designing Women **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:15** I'll Fly Away **15:00** Topaz **15:45** Knots Landing **16:35** Neighbors **17:00** Love Boat **17:50** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:45** Cheers **22:10** Models, Inc. **23:15** Silk Stalkings **00:05** Coach **00:30** The Commish **1:20** Murder She Wrote

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 An Early Frost (1985) (rpt) **12:10** Forbidden Cargo (1954) – British suspense movie **13:35** Radio Days (1987) (rpt) **15:00** When He's Not a Stranger (1989) – a student is raped by her best friend's boyfriend **16:35** 1939 (1989) (rpt) **19:35** Piccoli Equivoci (1989) – Italian comedy about the relationships and white lies between six young people who work in theater **21:00** Twenty One (1991) – British drama starring Patsy Kensit as a young girl describing her sexual exploits before she reaches 21. **22:40** The Last of His Tribe (1992) (rpt) **00:10** Slamdance (1987) (rpt) **1:50** Les Nuits Fauves (1992) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **9:00** Cartoons **9:35** Dreamstone **10:00** The Three Mousketeers **10:35** He-Man **11:05** Saved by the Bell **11:40** Beverly Hills 90210 **12:40** Owl TV **13:00** Cartoons **13:35** Benjamin Bluemchen **14:00** Three Little Ghosts **14:35** Bill and Ted **15:05** He-Man **15:35** Major Dad **16:00** Flying Classroom **16:10** Beverly Hills 90210 **16:55** Flying Classroom **17:05** Beakman's World **17:30** Tazmania **18:05** Dreamstone **18:30** The Three Mousketeers **19:00** Cartoons **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:25** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **20:45** All in the Family **21:15** Law and Order

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Rosalie Goes Shopping (1990) – Comedy about a German immigrant to the US who discovers the pleasures of paying with plastic and escapes the debt-collectors. Starring Marianne Sagebrecht, Brad Davis. (89 mins) **23:35** Metropolis (1926) – early Hollywood futuristic fantasy amazingly directed by Fritz Lang.

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences **11:00** The Big Wet **12:00** Behind the Cocaine Wars **13:00** Pacific Outdoors **13:30** Festivals of the War **14:00** Open University **16:00** The Big Wet **17:00** Behind the Cocaine Wars **18:00** Open University **20:00** Wild South **21:00** The Greatest Game on Earth **21:30** Secret Life of the Office **22:00** American Power **23:00** Pacific Outdoors **23:30** Festivals of the World **00:00** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 Business Insiders **7:30** NBC News **8:00** ITN World News **8:15** US Market Wrap **8:30** Business Insiders **9:00** ITN World News **9:15** US Market Wrap **9:30** Inside Edition **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** Rolonda **12:00** Rivera Live **13:00** Today's Business **13:30** FT Business Today **14:00** Today **16:00** The Money Wheel **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News **20:30** Supersport **21:30** Dateline **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** ITN World News **23:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal **1:00** FT Business Tonight **1:30** Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Donahue **7:00** E! TV **7:30** Aerobics **8:00** Neighbors **8:30** Santa Barbara **9:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **10:00** Oprah Winfrey **11:00** Riviera **11:30** Julia Child's Cooking with Master Chefs **12:00** Aerobics **12:30** The Sullivans **13:00** Small Wonder **13:30** Robotech **14:00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles **14:30** Batman **15:00** E! TV **15:30** Neighbors **16:00** M*A*S*H **16:30** Doogie Howser M.D. **17:00** Anything But Love **17:30** Moonlighting **18:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **19:00** Santa Barbara **20:00** The Twilight Zone **20:30** M*A*S*H **21:00** The Fall Guy **22:00** E! TV **22:30** Neighbors **23:00** Movie: Monsignor Quixote **1:00** Perfect Scoundrels

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Waking to Music **9:00** Mendelssohn: Octet in E flat op 20 (Vienna Octet); Franck: Quintet in F minor for piano and strings; Dvorak: Serenade in D minor for winds, cello and double bass op 44; Schumann: Cello concerto in A minor; Glazunov: Violin concerto in A minor; Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 5; Kodaly: Hary Janos suite; Schubert: Rosamunde incidental music; Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf **14:06** Works by Saint-Saens: Carnival of the Animals; Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso op 20 (Perlman); Sonata for oboe and piano op 166; Danse macabre; Cello concerto no 1 (Heimovitz); Caprice on Danish and Russian songs for flute, oboe, clarinet and piano; Concert piece for horn and orch op 94 (Baumann); Dalila's aria and Bacchanale from Samson et Dalila **16:00** Guest program **18:00** Arturo Toscanini conducts – Boito: Mefistofele overture; Verdi: excerpts from Aida **19:05** Folk music from near and far – Ireland, Armenia and West Africa **20:03** Live broadcast from Henry Crown Hall – Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA cond. Jerzy Maksymiuk, soloist Ilan Rogoff (piano). Britten: Prelude and Allegro; Khachaturian: Piano concerto; Beethoven: Symphony no 7. After the Concert – pianist Ilan Rogoff **23:00** Domino – classical jazz

■ RADIO 1

6:06 Hebrew songs **7:00** News in English **7:15** News in French **7:30** Hebrew songs **8:05** Diet **9:05** Anything Goes **10:05** Teleradio **11:05** Hebrew songs **12:05** Industry **13:00** News and program in English **13:30** News and program in French **14:05** Yiddish songs **15:05** Youth program **16:05** Light classical music **17:00** News in English **17:02** News in French **17:05** Voice of the Arts **18:05** Religious programs **20:00** Evening news – TV broadcast **20:30** Judaism **21:35** Hassidic songs **22:05** Jerusalem magazine **23:05** Hebrew songs

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English **18:15** News in French **20:00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 Good Morning IDF **6:00** Announcements **6:05** University of the Air – From Brain Cells to Psychiatric Illness **6:30** Good Morning Israel **7:07** Seven-O-Seven **8:00** Good Morning Israel **9:05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10:05** Right Now **12:50** Today's Entertainment **13:00** Midday News **13:15** It's Uncertain **15:05** Someone to Talk To **16:00** An Hour Before **17:00** Good Evening Israel **18:05** Live soccer broadcast – Israel vs. Romania **20:00** Evening news – Channel 2 TV broadcast **20:30** Psychology **21:05** Program with Dubi Lentz **22:05** Vitamins **23:05** This Was the Day **00:10** Night Birds **2:00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7:05 The State on the Way **9:05** Songs **10:05** Sun **12:05** Air Conditioning **13:05** Showers **14:05** Something for the Road **15:05** Program with Yoav Kutner **16:05** Driving Wisely **18:05** Program with Lea Oz **20:05** Below the Belt **22:05** Good Night

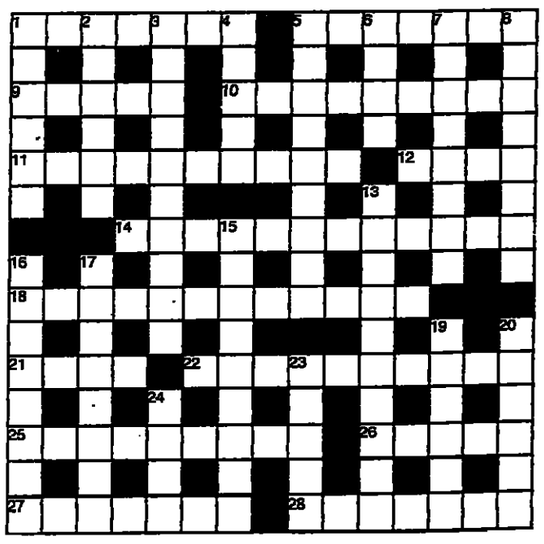
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Val's back in time for tea, showing taste (7)
5 Oil near explosion creates a flap (7)
9 Start court proceedings? (5)
10 Tower with flag waving in the fading light (9)
11 The staff may make a pupil write on "Farm Animals" (10)
12 Police on the trail of a drug (4)
14 As far as one can see, agree how the answer should be written (12)
18 Supplying the edge may be helpful (12)
21 Forced me to bring in publicity (4)
22 Will crumpled tuxedo yield a love-letter? (6-4)
25 Put down from bus, returning to prison, and had a meal (9)
26 Wander in the mountains (5)
27 Used to swim in Scottish river once a week (7)
28 Raised suspicion voiced in a safe house? (4-3)

DOWN

1 Note island state for tax purposes? (6)
2 Quick at catching trains going to London (6)
3 Possible result of greenhouse effect on the sea? (5-5)
4 Cooked dinner in pan (5)
5 Hock I rate most remarkable in the globe? (9)
6 Cooking fat the French way (4)
7 Checking a list of likely presents... (4-4)
8 ... when the present is most significant? (8)
13 Trust crude analysis could be organised? (10)
15 One woman drinking a short is out of this world! (9)
16 Little monkey makes some mischief in trade centre (8)
17 Suggesting escape from an island, Dave turned up... (8)
19 ...being carried round the island (6)
20 Formerly cheeky to a specialist? (6)
23 A sucker for old-fashioned remedies? (5)
24 A pound of chewing tobacco (4)

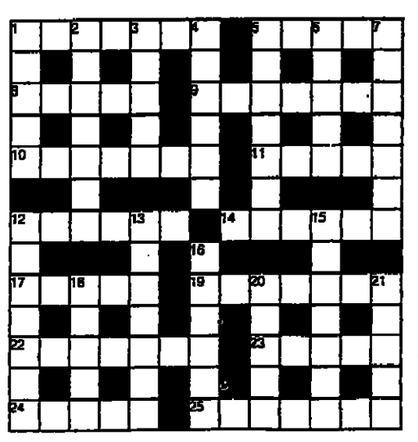


SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Whips, 4 Neighed, 8 Taffeta, 9 Carat, 10 Hangs, 11 Largish, 13 Onyx, 15 Tisane, 17 Leaden, 20 Whey, 22 Reverse, 24 Eight, 26 Syrup, 27 Rarebit, 28 Dodder, 29 Wield.
DOWN: 1 Watchet, 2 In fun, 3 Stepson, 4 Nearly, 5 Incur, 6 Hurried, 7 Dutch, 12 Axle, 14 Nears, 16 Severed, 18 Eyebrow, 19 Notated, 21 Hearty, 22 Raised, 23 Rupee, 25 Gable.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Involve (7)
5 Milk producer (5)
8 Discernment (5)
9 Calm (7)
10 Pear (7)
11 Schubert's fish (5)
12 Score (6)
14 Squirm (6)
17 Poe's bird (5)
19 Rubbish (7)
22 Outshine (7)
23 Fracas (5)
24 Store (5)
25 Abruptly (7)

DOWN

1 More (5)
2

Experts: Give suspects lawyer during police questioning

BILL HUTMAN

A GOVERNMENT-sponsored committee of legal experts has recommended that the police reverse a long-standing policy and allow suspects to have lawyers present during some interrogations or to have the questioning recorded on videotape. The police have long rejected any attempt to force them to change this much-criticized policy.

The committee, headed by Judge Eliezer Goldberg, also recommended that suspects who are minors should be allowed to have a parent, or at least a social worker, present during questioning.

The panel found that the right to a lawyer, already upheld in many Western countries, should also be honored here, "except when it would endanger national security or human life."

In addition, police could choose to videotape an interrogation, instead of allowing the suspect's lawyer to be present, in order to ensure the suspect's rights are upheld.

The committee was established by Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Justice Minister David Liba'i to look into the issues of confessions and retrials.

However, the findings, presented to the ministers on Monday and publicized yesterday, also addressed other issues, primarily those concerned with police interrogations.

While the committee of legal experts upheld the right of police and prosecutors to base cases on suspects' confessions, it also cautioned that "There are many reasons that false confessions can be given."

The panel recommended legislation be passed "stating clearly that any statement made by a suspect out of court can be used against him in a criminal court case, unless the statement was obtained by torture."

To protect the rights of suspects, some interrogations could be videotaped, the committee said. It left open to the Police Ministry to decide which interrogations.

Interrogation procedures must be improved and investigators should undergo better training in questioning suspects, the committee recommended.

Furthermore, the panel said, the legal system must crack down harder on police officers who use illegal measures during interrogations. It also called for expanding strict guidelines to allow retrials to be held in instances where important new evidence is discovered.

Shahal said in a statement yesterday that police brass would meet soon to discuss implementing the committee's recommendations.



Police Minister Moshe Shahal (left) presents Romanian Interior Minister Johan Doru Terezia with an Israeli-made Jericho pistol on a visit to the ministry yesterday. (Yisrael Hadari)

Namir: State pension bill soon

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said yesterday that her ministry has completed a draft of a state pension law, and that its legislation would begin shortly.

The proposal will be presented to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on his return from Japan next week, she said.

Speaking to journalists in Haifa, at a meeting also attended by Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna and her ministry's director-general, Avraham Ben-Shoshan, Namir said that a ministry team took some 18 months to draft the proposal.

Rabin had studied the draft proposal before leaving the country, presented the team with a number of questions. The answers have been prepared and will be provided to Rabin next week, she said.

Namir also said that the unemployment rate in Haifa was 37% higher than the national average. The city has 17 job-seekers for every available post, compared to a six-to-one ratio in the rest of the country, she said.

Mitzna called on the government to help solve the unemployment problem in Haifa, pointing out that in November, 5,961 job-seekers were registered there, 1,178 of them academics.

Number of registered job-seekers drops

MICHAL YUDELMAN

SOME 102,000 job-seekers registered at the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry's employment agencies last month, compared with 112,000 in October, the ministry announced yesterday.

According to the ministry, some 9,800 new immigrants sought work through the Employment Service last month, compared with 11,000 in October, a drop of 9.6%. The number of women job-seekers also declined, from 57.6% of all jobseekers in October to 56.4% in November.

The areas most afflicted by unemployment, according to ministry statistics, are the eastern Negev, with 7.7% unemployed, and the southern and central Negev, with 7.1%. The highest unemployment rates were registered in Mitzpe Ramon (14.4%), Or Akiva (13.5%) and Ofakim (12.1%).

However, economist and wage expert Dr. Linda Efroni said yesterday that the figures provided by the ministry result from technical and cosmetic changes, and, together with the toughening of the unemployment payment law, don't reflect any improvement in the employment situation.

Efroni noted that since July 1990, the law enabling people out of work to collect on their unemployment insurance has been changed three times, with the conditions for receiving payment made tougher each time. Consequently, many people out of work who might deserve unemployment payments are nonetheless not registering with the Employment Service and are therefore not registered as jobseekers.

"The data provided by the employment service does not reflect the labor market situation at all, but represents only that segment of the population which needs the Employment Service's permits for unemployment payments, for the Absorption Ministry in order to get absorption fees, and women who need the permits to collect alimony fees from the National Insurance Institute. Statistically, this is misleading," Efroni said.

Jose Rosenfeld adds:

Immigrant unemployment was nearly double the national rate, at 14.7% in the third quarter of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

An average of 197,000 new immigrants were employed during the third quarter, making up 10.5% of all of the employed, while 34,000 immigrants made up 21% of all the jobless – a 2% increase over the previous quarter.

The percentage of unemployed immigrants dropped in direct proportion to the length of their stay in the country. Those who arrived last year had the highest unemployment rate of 29%, while the rate for 1992 arrivals dropped to 12%, decreasing further to 10% for immigrants from 1990-91.

The bureau reported that 24% of the immigrants had scientific or academic jobs, 30% were employed as skilled workers, 22% were service workers, and 10% were unskilled workers.

About 37% of immigrants were employed in industry, 18% in public and communal services, 13% in trade, food and hotel services, 10% in personal services, and 6.5% in construction.

Remand hearing for three Aslan murder suspects

RAINE MARCUS

THREE prisoners who are suspects in the murder of underworld figure Yehezkel Aslan will appear in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing this morning.

Aslan was gunned down in February 1993 as he was leaving a Tel Aviv restaurant. The unknown assailant escaped in a car. Aslan's woman friend was grazed by a bullet.

Police arrested Ze'ev Rosenstein, a known criminal and businessman who detectives said was at odds with Aslan over gambling operations abroad. But he was released after a month because of a lack of evidence.

Over the past year detectives have been conducting an undercover investigation and claim they know who is responsible for the murder.

One suspect who police allege shot Aslan is serving a three-year sentence for extortion offenses. Another suspect is serving a five-year sentence for his part in an international drug smuggling operation. The third is also doing time for extortion offenses.

All three inmates were interrogated separately and will appear this morning in court.

In addition police have arrested a businessman from Givatayim in connection with the murder.

Poor showing at Knesset angers bereaved parents

DAN IZENBERG

A MEETING at the Knesset of parents whose children died during their military service exploded in rage and bitterness yesterday when only two MKs – the organizer, Naomi Chazan, and MK Moshe Peled – showed up for the discussion.

The bereaved families included children who had died in army training or operational accidents or had committed suicide.

Chazan invited the parents to the Knesset to discuss a four-point program starting with the launching of a public campaign for legislation transferring the investigation of army accidents and prosecution of those allegedly responsible for them to a civilian authority.

Several of the parents stormed out in the middle of the meeting, saying they expected members of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee to attend. Chazan, who is a member of the committee, explained that she had organized the meeting on her own initiative and had invited the members of the committee to attend.

The explanation did no good.

"If the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee does not see fit to attend, does not appreciate and honor the families, it only strengthens what we have come here for," said Eli Daddon, the father of Gil Daddon, the paratrooper killed last month at Netzarim junction. "I have just finished the 30-day mourning period and not one [politician] came to express his condolences. There's no one to talk to and nothing to talk about. I'm leaving."

"It's not important to them," screamed Yehoshua Shalom, whose son died in an automobile accident. "They should be ashamed of themselves. We gave our children and they can't even come to hear us. And you should know that it's the same in our rehabilitation program, and in the documents. They are tormenting us."

Committee chairman Ori Orr blamed Chazan for the bitter scene. He said she had not behaved with "collegiality" by convening a meeting on her own initiative when he had established a subcommittee to deal with the problem. He also charged that Chazan's invitation had arrived one day before the meeting and that several of the MKs had not even known about it.

"This is a very sensitive issue and requires a great deal of advanced planning," said Orr. "It should be done in the best possible way and it turned out in the worst."

Several of the parents railed against descriptions of them as in pain or deserving of sympathy. But the suffering in the room was palpable.

The families included Yaffa Hoffman, whose son was electrocuted in southern Lebanon, Ezra Bartov, whose son committed suicide, Avraham Shoshan, whose son died when a hand grenade exploded in his pouch and the family of Yoav Spiegel, who died in a jeep accident during the Lebanon War.

Soroka doctor ordered to repeat surgical training

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Ministry Director-General Prof. Mordechai Shani has decided to implement recommendations by the Israel Medical Association's scientific council to punish a Soroka Hospital resident for falsifying records of his participation in operations.

The council recommended that Dr. Aharon Amir, a plastic surgery resident, be required to repeat two years of surgical studies because his "medical experience" at Soroka was in doubt.

The ministry will also name an outside physician to supervise Soroka's residency program and bar five department heads from accepting new residents for one to five years.

The severe punishment followed a complaint to the council about Amir. According to the complaint, Amir was not present at many of the operations he claimed to have participated in, and the five department heads signed his attendance records without checking.

In addition, Prof. L. Rosenberg, head of the plastic surgery department, will not be able to accept new medical residents for five years. This function will be taken over during this period by a committee set up by the IMA.

Prof. A. Haruzi of general surgery department C will be barred from accepting new residents for three years; the heads of the orthopedic surgery, ear, nose, and throat and general intensive care departments will not be able to approve residents for a year.

Haruzi admitted he had made a mistake by not checking Amir's records. "But I don't know of a single hospital department head in the country who checks the attendance records of residents," he added. Until now, no one has been punished for this.

Hospital spokesman Batya Kuris said Soroka had not received any written communication on the matter from the ministry.

It was learned that Soroka management will appeal the decision to Health Minister Ephraim Sneh. There were reports that a similar incident took place in Ichilov Hospital during the past few years, but that no one was punished.

Physicians hold 'warning' meeting on feared cut-backs

JUDY SIEGEL

HUNDREDS of senior doctors from around the country will hold an "emergency meeting" at Sheba Hospital tomorrow to warn about plans of the Health and Finance ministries they say "will bring catastrophe on the public hospitals."

The event, organized by the Israel Medical Association, will be attended by deans of the medical schools, hospital administrators, department heads and other leading physicians. They will protest against the government's intention of "cutting budgets drastically and reducing the number of medical procedures." If the health system collapses as a result, the IMA said, the government will have to explain itself.

Yesterday, public-hospital doctors attended IMA-organized worker assemblies for two hours, disrupting hospital functioning. The IMA said doctors will decide at tomorrow's meeting what further steps to take.

The Health Ministry has so far declined to make any comment on the charges, but Health Minister Ephraim Sneh will meet with reporters today.

Court fight expected as Trans-Israel Highway law passes

LIAT COLLINS

THE Israel Union for Environmental Defense (IUED) is expected to request a High Court interim injunction today to stop the Trans-Israel Highway Company from beginning work on the first section of the planned Road 6, following the passage of the Trans-Israel Highway Law early yesterday morning.

The law, which passed by a vote of 15-0 with two abstentions, paves the way for a speedy process of land expropriation to hasten the construction of the road.

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal said the first section of the road, 90 kilometers long, will cost $7.5 million per kilometer and require the expropriation of 15,000 dunams (3,750 acres) of agricultural land. The length of the entire road is 300 kilometers.

The IUED is still awaiting the outcome of its previous High Court petition in June, when the court ordered the company to show why it had not carried out an environmental impact report for the entire length of the Negev-to-Galilee road, but only for sections. The company has asked for extra time to prepare its case.

"The flagship of Israeli transportation is under way," said Housing and Construction Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday after the passage of the law. The company is expected to begin work within two months. Ben-Eliezer ordered it to immediately begin preparing the expropriation of lands for the road, which is expected to serve 250,000 vehicles a day by the year 2010.

All the country's environmental organizations have opposed the road.

Dan Izenberg contributed to this report.

Palestinians to fight Jewish housing in eastern Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

PALESTINIAN planning experts in eastern Jerusalem vowed yesterday to push their political leaders to halt the municipality's plan for new Jewish development in lands annexed to the city after 1967.

Khalil Tufakji, of the Palestinian Geographic Society, said that Faisal Husseini, the ranking PLO official in Jerusalem, would be briefed on the plan upon his return next week to the city.

Tufakji said the city's plan, for an area of some 6,000 dunams adjoining the Arab neighborhoods of Shuafat and Beit Hanina, did not surprise him.

"This is nothing new, but the continuation of a policy begun in 1967," Tufakji said.

He said that most of the land in question is owned by residents of the Arab neighborhoods, but that he long believed the land would be expropriated for Jewish development.

Over 30 percent of land annexed to Jerusalem after the Six Day War was expropriated for use in Jewish housing development, according to a report, based on official government figures, released last week by the newly formed Is-Shalem group.

"The disclosure of this [new] plan again reveals Israel's true intentions," Tufakji said.

Meanwhile, an Israeli official has told the *Washington Post* that the government intends to build 8,000 apartments in eastern Jerusalem by 1997.

In the article, which appeared yesterday, the unnamed official was quoted as saying that a 1993 government master plan for Jewish housing in and around Jerusalem envisions 17,000 units being built by 1997.

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